SMUT
WARNING

Before Daybreak

Tanaka Rin

I am a
bird locked
in a cage –

WE'LL THEN BE DRAWING TO A CLOSE THE CEREMONIAL EXCHANGE OF BETROTHAL GIFTS BETWEEN THE SHIROYAMA AND MURAKAMI FAMILIES.
CONGRATULATIONS.
Ever since I was a child,
IORI IS VERY FORTUNATE
TO BE ABLE TO MARRY INTO THE SHIROYAMA HOUSEHOLD
WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE HISTORY OF YOUR FAMILY...
Oh no
WITH THIS WE ARE ENSURING THE PROSPERITY OF THE COMPANY.
WELL, EITHER WAY, THIS IS A MARRIAGE THAT WON'T AFFECT EITHER HOUSEHOLD NEGATIVELY
my marriage to this person had been decided.

Could we keep him?
Yip Yip
have no freedom to choose.
If you want a dog, we can buy you a pure breed. How does that sound?
How dirty...
lori-san, if you're going to make friends,
make sure they are those from a good family
I have no free will.
"...yes..."
In this household,

MOTHER, FATHER.
IF IT IS POSSIBLE, WOULD IT BE ALL RIGHT FOR US TO GO SOMEWHERE TOGETHER...
SQUEEZE
SO WE CAN DISCUSS OUR FUTURE TOGETHER?
SWISH
MY, WHAT A WONDERFUL IDEA! UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER IS THE KEY TO MATRIMONIAL HAPPINESS, AFTER ALL!
I'M SURE IORI MUST BE EAGER TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HER FUTURE HUSBAND AS WELL, SO GO AHEAD.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH..
NOW THEN, SINCE WE'VE RECEIVED PERMISSION FROM YOUR PARENTS, SHALL WE GO?
AH..
...YES...
THAT DRESS SUITS YOU.
CLINK

"Wife"...
FOR A MAN
AND BESIDES, IT'S A PLEASURE TO INVEST ONE'S MONEY IN SOMEONE WHO'LL BECOME ONE'S WIFE
OH, THAT'S QUITE ALL RIGHT IT MUST HAVE BEEN STIFLING IN THE KIMONO
OH BUT I REGRET INCONVENIENCING YOU LIKE THIS BY HAVING YOU PREPARE THIS FOR ME
ON ANOTHER NOTE, IORI-SAN—
YES..?
AFTER THIS.
—THERE'S ONE OTHER PLACE I'D LIKE YOU TO COME WITH ME...
WHA...?!

NO...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WE'RE GOING TO MARRY ANYWAY,
SO WHY NOT?
THUMP
COME ON NOW .. LET'S KISS, IORI-SAN...
N—
squeeze
slide
shudder
Don't think about anything...!

...NN...
...uu...
This...
pa
IORI-SAN,
YOU'VE BECOME QUITE THE BEAUTY LATELY...
SLIDE
This isn't a big deal.

That's why...
I'LL LET YOU BECOME MY WOMAN...
...N...
That's why...
YOU'RE HAPPY, AREN'T YOU, IORI—?
...—

...YES...
I shouldn't cry over something like this...

...I have no choice...
but to marry this person...
I KNEW THIS WAS COMING...
sigh
Don't tell me you held some kind of a dream when it came to sex?
"That" is just an act of reproduction... Either that or the duty as a wife.
Nothing more, nothing less.

What is this...? It's coming from inside me...
squish
shudder
squish
What?
SQUISH
There's no way I can wait for the sun to rise beside this man!
CLATTER
GRABS
UUGH...
It's disgusting.

I want to go somewhere far away...
...THIS MIGHT BE THE FIRST TIME...
THAT I'VE GONE OUTSIDE SO LATE AT NIGHT

This is so unlike the world I'm used to.
This is a new, mysterious world.
feeling of freedom?
What is this...
AH... THERE'S A STAND...
GASSAK
This is
...the outside of the cage...
HEY, WHAT IS IT THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR, MISS?
CRUNCH
ba-dump
?!
glances around
R U S T L E

W-Who is he...?!
ba-dump
PULL
COULD IT BE... THAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR THIS?
SWISH
BULLS EYE? OUR STASH IS GOOD QUALITY SO . HOW MUCH DO YOU WANT?
What~ is he talking about...?!
I... WASN'T...
I—
WHAT...?!
YO, BACK OFF.
I-I'm scared... Somebody, please...
pinch
!!
No..
...AH!
You don't need to be so scared I'm hurt!
DON'T WORRY, OUR STUFF HAS GONE THROUGH THE PROPER ROUTES—

GLARES
OR ARE YOU SAYING YOU WANT THIS BUCKET WATER DUMPED OVER YOUR HEAD?
SO HOW ABOUT IT?
intimidating
... WHOA ...
AKIRA!!
I'm gonna dump it on you! So?
SLOPPY
SPLOSH
...
EXHALES
...
"Akira"
...
S— SOR...
YOU EVEN QUIT THE JOB I INTRODUCED YOU TO THE OTHER DAY!
SHUT UP!
B-BUT...
Stop selling it all together!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU TO STOP SELLING THAT STUFF HERE?!
ROAR

flinch
YES?
AND YOU!
Damnit so he got away
OH, I FORGOT THAT I HAD SOMEWHERE I HAVE TO GET TO! WELL THEN, LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS LATER AKIRA!
rustle rustle
That's not the way to the road
dashes away
HANGING AROUND THIS KIND OF PLACE AT THIS TIME OF NIGHT
IS PRETTY MUCH THE EQUIVALENT OF SAYING "PLEASE GIVE ME DRUGS"
D—DRUGS?
...DON'T TELL ME... YOU'RE REFERRING TO STIMU-LANTS?!
—THAT WORD DOESN'T RING A BELL?
YEAH, I GUESS YOU COULD CALL IT THAT.
T—THAT WASN'T MY...
Stimulants are ILLEGAL

I DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY WITH ME...
YOU DROPPED YOUR WALLET?
THE LAST TRAIN'S ALREADY LEFT. IF YOU NEED A TAXI, I CAN CALL ONE FOR YOU.
WELL THEN, FOR STARTERS, WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
HUM
YEAH, YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE THE TYPE
YOU'RE A RUNAWAY AT YOUR AGE, AREN'T YOU?
DON'T TELL ME...
my~
My~
NO...!
SHUDDER
...go back...
NO, I'M NOT!
I WAS STAYING AT THE HOTEL NEARBY...
Oh, you mean there?
YOU MUST BE LOADED THEN. WELL, YOU SHOULD GO BACK. AT ANY RATE, THIS PLACE ISN'T SAFE FOR YOU TO BE ALONE.

I DON'T WANT... TO GO BACK
squeeze
Sigh
...I GUESS THERE'S NO OTHER CHOICE
WELL THEN, FOR NOW—
YOU SHOULD STAY AT MY STREET STALL
What ...?!

THIS ONE'S ON ME
Drink up!
T-THANK YOU...
GULP
OH
THIS IS DELICIOUS...
CLINK
RIGHT?! YOU'D BE SURPRISED HOW GOOD CHEAP LIQUOR CAN BE
GULPS DOWN
squeak squeak
I SEE YOU'RE QUITE THE DRINKER, MISS
Oh
Want another one?
UM... MY...
NAME IS IORI MURAKAMI. THANK YOU FOR STEPPING IN EARLIER...
AKIRA SAN?
YEAH.
MY NAME COMBINE THE CHARACTERS FOR "THE LIGHT OF DAY"...
...
Akira
...
When I get a good look at him in the light...

he's such a handsome man...
hmm?
DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FALLEN FOR ME ALREADY, IORI-CHAN?
Don't stare at me like that!
BLINK
N-NO, IT'S JUST THAT...
...IT'S SO AMAZING... THAT THIS SMALL STREET STALL...
COULD OFFER SO MANY DIFFERENT GOODS...
More than that though,
I am amazed by this warm and gentle light...
—IT'S WONDERFUL

AKIRA-SAN... WHAT KIND OF WORK DO YOU DO?
MY JOB IS TO SERVE ALCOHOL HERE.
A lively world
that sparkles amidst the darkness of the night.
RIGHT? THIS IS MY "CASTLE."
Tap
WHAT...?! YOU DON'T WORK FOR A COMPANY OR DO SOME KIND OF PART-TIME JOB?
Well... how should I put it.
I HAVE SOME CIRCUMSTANCES THAT KEEP ME FROM THOSE KIND OF JOBS
haha
WHY?
IT ISN'T A HAPPY STORY—
You're curious one.
IF YOU'D RATHER NOT TALK ABOUT IT—
Well, it's not that...
—TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH,
Why is it
that I'm so curious when it comes to him...?

—WHAT?
...YOU DON'T BELONG TO...
A FAMILY REGISTER?!

...I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...!!
NO, I DON'T.
I DON'T HAVE A CERTIFICATE OF RESIDENCE EITHER, AND SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO SERVE AS A GU..R..NTOR... THERE'S NO ONE IN JAPAN WHO'D BE WILLING TO HIRE ME.

IN THE END.
THEY DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE WHEN I WAS 10.
MY PARENTS DIDN'T REGISTER MY BIRTH WHEN I WAS BORN
I DIDN'T EVEN RECEIVE ANY COMPULSORY EDUCATION EITHER, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT ANYONE TO FIND OUT ABOUT MY EXISTENCE.

IT'S TRUE THEY WEREN'T VERY GOOD PARENTS THOUGH.
CHUCKLES
...BUT IT'S NOT AS IF I BEAR A GRUDGE AGAINST THEM

They're cracking the whip on this old man
They'd be hard pressed to find someone who works as hard as you!
THAT'S RIGHT IF I DON'T WORK MY HARDEST, THEY MIGHT LAY ME OFF...
LAY OFF?! YOU?!
THUD
Lay off
Whew
Whoa! Toku-san! YOU WERE WORKING UNTIL THIS LATE AT NIGHT?
Hey
AKIRA-KUN, ARE YOU STILL OPEN?
BUT THAT'S...
CLATTER
My, what a cute Miss!
wish
Oh, you're flattering me so? Well now, I'm flattered.
You're the model employee, Toku-san!
So drink up!
He's warm...
...I'M GOING BACK TO THE HOTEL.
CLATTER
I'LL COME ANOTHER DAY TO THANK YOU...
and kind...
He's like the light here...

AKIRA-SAN...
BOW.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
ICHIEHAN
smiles
WELL, BE SAFE OUT THERE.
IS THAT RIGHT...
The beating of my heart at that moment
Y... ES...
ba-dump
was a rhythm that was foreign to me...

HELLO, AKIRA-SAN.
HEY, IORI-CHAN! YOU CAME TODAY TOO?
Thanks for coming so often.
THD
UM- IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO... I CAN HELP YOU SET UP YOUR STALL.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT. WILL IT BE YOUR USUAL DRINK FOR YOU?
YES!
BEEP BEEP
I've begun to drink cheap alcohol while it's still light outside...
Ever since that day, my day-to-day routine has changed...
!

because it was easy to figure out what his intentions were...
but I've turned down every one of his offers
Shiroyama-san has contacted me frequently to invite me out since that day...
I'm not giving you any liquor— just food
The smile of Akira-san, who always cared about other people's feelings,
was one befitting his name that gave light to the darkness.
I've enjoyed the time I spent here.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HAD THE GUTS TO SHOW YOUR FACE HERE! WELL, WHY DON'T YOU SIT DOWN?
YO— AKIRA~ Let me eat something!
THUD
WHO?
It's that PERSON!
bustle bustle

Akira... san...
THE LAST TRAIN WILL BE LEAVING SOON, SO I'LL BE GOING NOW...
OKAY IORI-CHAN. BE SAFE OUT THERE
SEE YOU
I felt that this place...
had every-thing I'd ever wanted...
.....

IORI-SAN!
?!
ba-dump
WHAT ARE YOU DOING ... IN SUCH A DISREPUTABLE PLACE!
...!!
SHIROYAMA... SAN....

HEY!
DON'T BE ROUGH WITH HER!
YOU BE QUIET! THIS WOMAN IS...
COME ON NOW. YOU'RE LEAVING WITH ME!
—OW...
GRAB
Don't say it!
NO...
...
SHIROYAMA-SAN, I'LL GO WITH YOU, SO PLEASE...
I don't want Akira-san to know!
squeeze
—IORI-SAN IS—

MY FIANCEE!
OUTSIDERS SHOULDN'T STICK THEIR HEADS IN WHERE IT DOESN'T BELONG!
—YOUR FIANCEE...
SO THAT MEANS SHE'S SOMEONE YOU'RE DATING, RIGHT?
THAT'S EXACTLY RIGHT!
...THEN CAN'T YOU BE NICER TO HER...?
He's found out the truth!
SHE'S CRYING...

FLUTTER
?!
WHO HAS NEITHER EDUCATION NOR A FAMILY REGISTER!
THAT'S SOME ATTITUDE COMING FROM SOMEONE
ARE YOU TRYING TO LECTURE ME?!
NO, I'M JUST...
THAT I HAD TO LOOK INTO YOUR BACKGROUND
smirk
IT'S UNFORTUNATE
—YOU CALL YOURSELF "AKIRA,"
AND YOU ARE SOMEONE WITHOUT A FAMILY REGISTER OR AN EDUCATION WHOSE PARENTS DISAPPEARED AT AROUND THE AGE OF TEN—
AND UNTIL A SENIOR WHO HAD NO FIXED ADDRESS PICKED YOU UP AND HAD YOU ASSIST WITH HIS STREET STALL ABOUT TWO YEARS AGO—
YOU LIVED YOUR LIFE AS A MALE PROSTITUTE...!

YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE FAMILIAR WITH THAT TERM, IORI-SAN.
BUT IT REFERS TO A MAN WHO SELLS HIMSELF.
SELLS— HIMSELF?!
MALE...
PROSTI-TUTE ...?
AND TO MAKE IT EVEN WORSE,
HE WAS A MALE PROSTITUTE WHO TOOK BOTH MALE AND FEMALE CUSTOMERS.
CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? HE IS SOMEONE WILLING TO PERFORM SEXUAL ACTS WITH MEN FOR MONEY.
HE IS SCUM OF THE SCUM!

SCUM OF THE SCUM...
grips
—YES,
SLAPS
THAT'S WHAT YOU ARE!
W—WHAT DID YOU...
WHAT COULD YOU POSSIBLY KNOW ABOUT HIM?!

THE LIFE AKIRA-SAN HAS LIVED UP UNTIL NOW,
MUST HAVE BEEN MUCH HARSHER THAN OURS...
and he worked harder than anyone.
I... wasn't surprised even when I heard he used to be a male prostitute.
More than that, I feel... A deep pain in my chest.
Akira-san... How much have you suffered in life?
I couldn't help but feel a rush of love
for someone like you, who was still able to smile despite all that...

Akira-san ——
—WH—
PLEASE LET ME RECONSIDER MY ENGAGEMENT TO YOU, SHIROYAM—S N.
DON'T... TELL ME...
YOU SLEPT WITH THIS MAN—?!
RUSTLE

THUD
YOU BASTARD!
THAT'S ENOUGH.
—AND BY THE WAY, "AKIRA" ISN'T A FAKE NAME—
THAT'S THE ONE THING... I RECEIVED FROM THOSE NO-GOOD PARENTS OF MINE

We forbid you to go out for the next while!
...
Shiroyama-san said he would disregard what happened. You should be grateful!
You're better off doing as we say.
You want to dissolve the engagement?! Don't be ridiculous!
KNOCK KNOCK
—I'M COMING IN.
IORI-SAN
SHIROYAMA SAN.

THUD
AAH...?!
—UU...
I'LL MAKE YOU REMEMBER.
I'M THE ONE WHO MADE YOU A WOMAN...
Why do I have to be with someone like him...?!
THAT MAN WAS A FOOL TO MAKE ME MAD...
OH, IT'S NOTHING
I JUST FORMALLY FILED A SUIT OF DAMAGES AGAINST HIM
This is hell on earth...!
Lick
Lores
H-HOW FAR...
WILL YOU GO...
DON'T TELL ME... YOU DID SOMETHING TO HIM?!

shake
shake
HUG
HH
.....
ha
SH
ROLL
ROLL
UGH
A bullseye
hit!
SHOUT
Scars
CLICK
FOR ALL I CARE!
...YOU CAN SUE ME TOO
Akira-san!!
SLAM
Akira-san...

...HE'S NOT HERE...
Don't tell me he was taken in by the police?!
This is all my fault!
UM... WHERE IS AKIRA-SAN?!
WE'RE ACTUALLY WAITING FOR HIM, TOO...
Well...
OH, IS THAT YOU, IORI-CHAN?
Ah!
TOKU-SAN!
DO YOU HAPPEN TO KNOW...
HIS ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER...?!
I DON'T KNOW HIS PHONE NUMBER.
BUT I DO REMEMBER HIM MENTIONING BEFORE THAT HE LIVED IN A RUNDOWN APARTMENT IN XXX TOWN...
XXX TOWN...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I want to see him...
DASH!

I want to see you!

—IORI...
...CHAN?

Sorry.
something I want to tell you.
And

I'M...
...WELL FOR THE TIME BEING.
DO YOU WANT TO COME IN?
YES.
SORRY TO MAKE YOU WORRY.
SO GLAD...
IT'S TRUE I WAS TAKEN IN BY THE POLICE, BUT THEY LET ME GO LAST NIGHT.
I DIDN'T KNOW THE FOOD THEY SERVE YOU AT THE POLICE STATION WAS SO GOOD!
It was great to get a free meal.
...I'M SORRY.
THIS ISN'T YOUR FAULT, IORI-CHAN.
AND BESIDES EVERYTHING THAT HE SAID IS TRUE.

THIS WORLD ISN'T A LIVING HELL...
BUT I DON'T REGRET ANY OF IT,
BECAUSE IT'S TRUE WHEN I SAID THAT'S THE ONLY WAY I COULD SURVIVE
... AND BESIDES ...
I DO ADMIT THERE WAS A TIME WHEN I WAS PRETTY WILD,
BUT THE REASON WHY I WAS ABLE TO LIVE AN HONEST LIFE...
WAS THANKS TO
THE WARM, NOSEY PEOPLE WHO HELPED ME OUT...

His smile...
It's like a sun that shines in the night...
It sheds light on my life steeped in darkness.
I...
WANT TO BE WITH SOMEONE....
I'm not going to do as they bid me ever again...!
No matter what my parents say,
there's no way I can look up to someone like that!
...I PROMISE THAT!
—I'M GOING TO ANNUL MY ENGAGEMENT.
SO THERE'S NO NEED FOR YOU TO WORRY, IORI-CHAN.
WELL, I CAN'T SAY YOU HAVE THE BEST TASTE IN MEN THOUGH.

Until now, I've walked the path that my parents decided for me.
It was a life in which I didn't have to think... What an easy life that was...
—— WHOM I LOOK UP TO, AND WHOM I LOVE!
was the loss of my freedom and feelings....
But the price I had to pay for that...
But I've finally gotten those back!
I can't do as they bid me any longer...!

...I...
LOVE YOU, AKIRA-SAN.
It's difficult...
to think for yourself
But this indescribable feeling of happiness...

The day
is trying
to break...
IORI
CHAN...
in my
night.

THE LAST TRAIN WILL BE LEAVING SOON.
tick tock tick
I'M NOT LEAVING
IORI-CHAN
WHEN I FIRST MET YOU
I COULDN'T HELP BUT BE REMINDED OF MY OLD SELF... AND I COULDN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE
AND EVEN THOUGH I KNEW WE LIVE IN DIFFERENT WORDS
grips
I WAS DRAWN TO YOU..
AKIRA-SAN,
YOU WERE THE ONE WHO FREED ME FROM MY CAGE
...BUT...

There's
no
turning
back —
...NN...

...N...
pant
...N...
I...ORI...
AKIRA-SAN...
...PLEASE CALL ME..."IORI"...
IORI-CHAN...

Why ...
RIGHT THERE...
NN...
AH...
AHH...
leaves a burn...?
Every place he touches
AH...
sex could feel so good...
I didn't know...
AHH— HHH...

His fingers...
AH AKIRA SAN
squish
His lips...
His eyes...
They touch me with tenderness...
COME...
CLOSER...

GRI SPI
NN..
AKIRA-SAN
I LOVE YOU
IORI ..
IORI
Please call my name more!
AH!

GRIPS
squeeze
slide
AH
I'M SO HAPPY.
AH!
AH,
...N...
...OR.
AH... H...
PUSH
PUSH

I...
IORI... I LOVE YOU...
LOVE
YOU TOO
If
I were to welcome the daybreak with someone...
AH...
I'm
KISS

I would want it to be with you, the person I love...
—I'M THINKING OF WORKING.
What?!
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE PLANNING TO WORK AT MY STREET STALL?
I'll have to say no!
NO.

I WANT TO WORK-
AND STUDY TOO.
THERE MAY BE CHILDREN OUT THERE WHO ARE SUFFERING LIKE YOU WERE.
—I WANT TO BE OF HELP TO CHILDREN LIKE THEM.
chuckles
—AH—

End

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TEARFUL LOVE
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逆光
BACK-LIGHT
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PRESENTS

SHATTER
DON'T JOKE WITH ME, YOU BRATS!
WEARING THAT WOMAN'S CLOTHES!
ARE YOU INSINUATING SOMETHING?!
I'M SORRY, DAD...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? TAKE THEM OFF QUICKLY, BOTH OF YOU!
STOP! DON'T HIT YUUKI!!!
grab
SIS...
Ack!

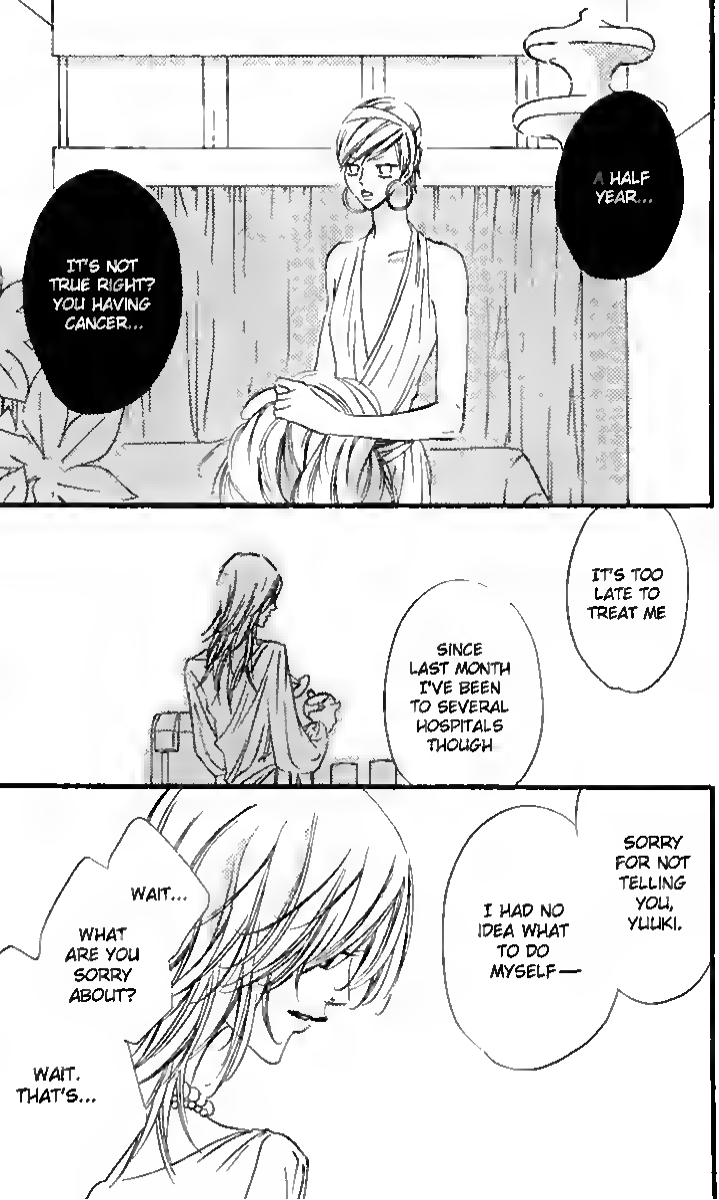
We didn't know where to look for help.
Nobody came to help us.
I'M FROM SOCIAL SERVICES...
HOW DID YOU GET THIS INJURY?
DAD HAS A DOJO* SO HE TAUGHT ME...
I had to protect my sickly brother.
SHE HASN'T BEEN SKIPPING SCHOOL THOUGH.
WHAT KIND OF RIGHT DO YOU HAVE TO BE TALKING ABOUT MY FAMILY?
YUUKI WHEN I GRADUATE I WILL FIND A JOB
SO WE CAN LEAVE HOME TOGETHER
*T/N: dojo: hall used for martial arts training

10 years later. Tokyo, Shinjuku.
I thought we had plenty of time to get away from our fate.
SIS!
YUUKI..?
HEY YOU, IT SUITS YOU SO WELL, IT'S NOT FUNNY.
RIGHT—
♥

DID YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL? IS YOUR ANEMIA OKAY?
WE CAN TALK ABOUT IT LATER, OKAY. SINCE WE'RE AT A PARTY RIGHT NOW.
IDEAL OKAMA* WEATHER RIGHT?
FOR YOU IT'S LIKE THIS EVERY DAY RIGHT?
A HA HA HA
*T/N: ok_ma = effeminate man.

AH RIGHT, THE BOXER YOU'VE BEEN IN CHARGE OF BEFORE...
Umm
KYOUSUKE-KUN?! HE HASN'T SHOWN HIS FACE AT THE GYM FOR HALF A YEAR; THE CHAIRMAN WAS ANGRY.
YEAH, HE WAS WITH SOME WEIRD GUYS.
I COULDN'T TALK TO HIM.

JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT, KYOUSUKE.
slump slump...
IF THE FORMER BOXER IS SERIOUS ABOUT IT, YOU'LL DIE?
WHATEVER.
IT DOESN'T MATTER, DOES IT?
YOU SEEM TO BE IN A REALLY FOUL MOOD AGAIN TODAY.
DID YOU GO TO THE HOSPITAL?
.....
ARE YOU TAKING YOUR MEDICATION PROPERLY?


A HALF YEAR...
IT'S NOT TRUE RIGHT? YOU HAVING CANCER...
IT'S TOO LATE TO TREAT ME
SINCE LAST MONTH I'VE BEEN TO SEVERAL HOSPITALS THOUGH
SORRY FOR NOT TELLING YOU, YUUKI.
I HAD NO IDEA WHAT TO DO MYSELF—
WAIT...
WHAT ARE YOU SORRY ABOUT?
WAIT. THAT'S...

YOU TOLD ME I HAVE ONLY A HALF YEAR LEFT TO LIVE.
TO ME, THAT'S MY TIME FOR REVENGE.
SORRY...

rustle
rustle
YOU DON'T KNOW ANY-THING, DO YOU?
....
SAID HE WANTS TO TAKE CARE OF THE SURGERY COSTS FOR YOU, DIDN'T HE?
DON'T GIVE YOURSELF UP TO DESPAIR. SINCE THE CHAIRMAN WHO TRAINED YOU TILL YOU WERE A PRO BOXER

AFTER ALL, THE LUMPS IN MY HEAD
WON'T BE REMOVED BY ONE OR TWO OPERATIONS, RIGHT?
IT'S SURELY BECAUSE OF THE BLOWS I RECEIVED AT THE GYM AND BY MY STEPFATHER.
SO IF I RETURN IT TO THEM, WHAT'S BAD ABOUT IT?
Daily care
TRULY, AFTER YOU MASSAGE ME,
I CAN MOVE MY NECK AGAIN, IT'S WEIRD.
THANK YOU, OBAA-CHAN*.
EVERYONE IS ENTHUSIASTIC BUT YOU'RE EXCEPTIONAL.

*T/N obaa-chan often used to address an elderly lady it also means grandmother

TAKIGAWA-SAN, THE HOSPITAL ALSO ASKED YOU TO TAKE CARE OF THE ATHLETE YAMAMOTO EXCLUSIVELY, RIGHT?
IS IT OKAY FOR YOU TO VOLUNTEER DURING YOUR SPARE TIME?
IT'S OKAY. AH, I TURNED DOWN YAMAMOTO.
TAKIGAWA-SA~N. THE CAR'S HERE~
YE~S
WELL THEN, EVERYONE, SEE YOU LATER~
WHA~T!!
UNBELIEVABLE! IT'S THE END-OF-YEAR OTOKO MATSURI* RIGHT?!
I ALSO WANTED TO DO IT BUT
UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR IT WILL PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME

*T/N He's referring to a fighting championship like Pride
Literally otoko matsuri means "man festival"

?
AMI-CHAN, IT'S FROM THE HOSPITAL.
AH, YES?
AMI? DID YOU MEET MURAKAMI KYOUSUKE, WHO YOU WERE IN CHARGE OF, LATELY?
AH, FOR SOME REASON, HE BEAT THE HELL OUT OF THE COACH OF THE GYM HE'S ATTACHED TO, SO THE POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR HIM.
I WAS UNABLE TO TALK TO HIM.
...NO,
HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY MATCHES LATELY SO I HAVEN'T.
I SEE. RIGHT.
Thanks.
WHAT?! SHE'S THE GIRL WHO WAS IN CHARGE OF KYOUSUKE?!

stare
HE'S THE MOST EXCELLENT BOXER HERE.
THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M SAYING.
I ASKED IF HE ISN'T SHY WITH WOMEN?
HE HAD A LONELY CHILDHOOD SO HE'S UN-SOCIAL BUT
HE HAS TALENT SO I WANT HIM TO BE HAPPY WITH HIS BOXING.
I WAS KIND OF FASCI-NATED BY HIS QUIET-NESS
...BUT
BECAUSE HE'S SO QUIET, IT WAS HARD TO GET CLOSER TO HIM.
HE DIDN'T TALK MUCH, IF AT ALL, ABOUT HIS PRIVATE LIFE.

XING
It's a weird feeling...
Even though I was crazily scared of dying,
when it came to worrying about others, and love, the regular emotions flowed by on the foreground.
thud
AH...
IT'S BECAUSE I'M USED TO SCARY THINGS, HUH~~

SO THE POLICE ARE
NEVER USEFUL.
Toot-
HELLO YUUKI?
I CAN'T GO TO THE CLUB ANYMORE TODAY.
YEAH, SEE YOU NEXT TIME OKAY.
...TAKIGAWA AMI.

YOU REMEMBER MY FULL NAME?
ARE YOU OKAY? IF YOU DON'T EAT YOUR MEALS PROPERLY, THEN YOU'LL FAIL AS AN ATHLETE!
BECAUSE YOU'RE TAKING CARE OF ME YOU FORGOT, SO WHAT ABOUT YOU?
BRINGING A GUY IN YOUR ROOM SO EASILY, DISGUSTING.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
SERIOUSLY.
Pull
!

THEY WON'T GET HERE IN TIME THOUGH
WHAT, YOU'VE CONTACTED THE COPS ALREADY?
THAT'S RIGHT!! THE COPS WOULDN'T HAVE SAVED ME!!
AT YOU.
I'M SAYING THAT THIS IS THE WAY I'VE BEEN LOOKING
WAI...
WAIT, THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO
—HA?
WAIT, LISTEN.
IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T STOP.

...TO SAY WHAT—
I LOVE
SEX?
YOU!!
...THAT'S A NEW SELF-DEFENSE TECHNIQUE, HUH?
AH, HE'S SHY..?
I'M BEING SERIOUS!

deep kiss
No.

Don't I just want to feel that "I'm still alive"?
so bad, I am.
Involving him in it.
NO...
AH... AH
WHAT AM I DOING?
—UH!

I SAID IT'S OKAY TO DIE WHENEVER
HA... AH
IF I WERE AN ANIMAL, I'D BE DOING THIS DEED FOR THE SAKE OF BEING ALIVE, HUH?
gasp
jerk jerk
...MM!
wet
AH
But

WHAT'S THIS... THIS
STINGING FEELING—
Grab
I can't breath
so easily.
WAAH!
HE GOT HARDER!

Make me forget.
Touch me always.
be over soon.
It's tight inside... it'll
Don't stop, jolt me.
Continue to jolt me.

Cum, using my body, which will be useful to you
for only a short while longer.
chirping
The sun is bright
Weak
IT'S GETTING BRIGHT OUTSIDE...
WE OVER-DID IT.
YE-S..
OR RATHER, FOR A PERSON WHO COLLAPSED, YOU WERE QUITE ENERGETIC, HUH...

I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT YOU LOVED ME THIS MUCH.
HEHE
gentle touch
.....
.....
I DO?
YES— YOU SAID "AMI, AMI" SO MANY TIMES.
~~~~~ DON'T LISTEN.
clatter
IT MADE ME HAPPY.
THANKS.
silky...
?
~~~~~

HEY...? SHUU?
HUH? IT'S KYOUSUKE! DID YOU STAY UP ALL NIGHT HERE?
AH~~~
BECAUSE SHE HAS CANCER SHE HAS ONLY A HALF YEAR MORE TO LIVE, SO SHE SAID SHE CAN'T DATE ME.
BWA HA HA
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT! IS SHE A PERVERT?
THE WOMAN I'VE RECKLESSLY DONE IT WITH LOTS OF TIMES, KICKED ME OUT.
REALLY—? THAT IS QUITE INTERESTING.
RATTLE RATTLE
IT'S NOT!!

ARE YOU OKAY?!
IT'S REALLY FRUSTRATING TO BE TURNED DOWN BY THE WOMAN YOU LOVE.
quietly
SO YOU SLEEP WITH HER OUT OF SPITE?
IDIOT. I ONLY HAVE A HALF YEAR LEFT MYSELF.
WHY NOT? BEING LOVEY DOVEY FOR A HALF YEAR.
OH!
DESTINY!
SO YOU REALLY AREN'T GOING TO HAVE THE OPERATIONS?
THE CHAIRMAN AND I ARE REALLY WORRIED.
—

I'm not going to ask anywhere or anyone for help.
Just like before
Just like—
AMI—

SORRY, DIRECTOR.
YOUR FAREWELL PARTY, WE'RE DOING IT AT MY PLACE.
gasp
AMI!
DIRECTOR, YOU JUST WANT TO BOAST ABOUT YUUSUKE-KUN, RIGHT?
Born one month ago
NO! I'M JUST HOPING IT'LL BE AT MY PLACE!
AAH~ AMI-SAN GOT ALONG WELL WITH MY WIFE TOO, HUH.
I'M SAD THAT SHE'S LEAVING HERE NEXT MONTH
SEND ME A CARD AFTER YOU'VE MOVED, OKAY! I DON'T WANT AN E-MAIL!

AH NO! I'LL STILL BE HERE A WHOLE MONTH!
"Goodbye everyone"
Arranging things bit by bit,
I have to get used to saying goodbye, little by little.
Affiliated hospital
EVEN IF YOU DON'T GET BETTER, YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO LIVE LONGER RIGHT?
I BELIEVE IN MIRACLES.
"Goodbye Yuuki"
THANKS.

"Goodbye Kyousuke"
swish
swish
OH NO.
Hump
Hump
ONCE...
It's not
WE'VE ONLY BEEN TOGETHER ONE NIGHT
AND I ALREADY THINK OF HIM AS MY LOVER
BOXING GYM
BOXING!
I'M REALLY PISSED OFF!
gasp
DON'T SPEAK SO LOUD! I TOLD YOU WE HAD TO HIDE OURSELVES!
YOU'RE ANNOYING!
gasp
SHH! KYOUSUKE!

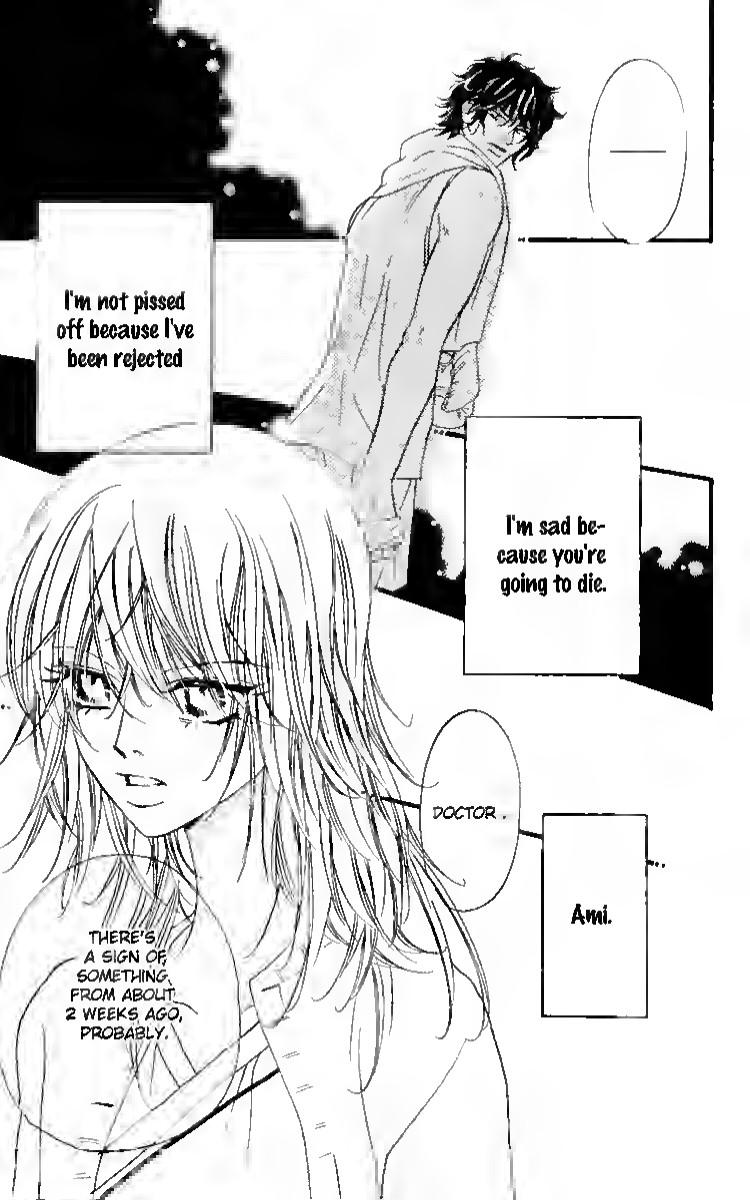
Now hit the mitts out in opposite order, okay?
...HOW IS THE CHAIRMAN DOING?
EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE THE ONE WHO SAID 'YOU HAVE THE KEY RIGHT' AND MADE ME SPAR WITH YOU AGAINST MY WILL.
MEAN—
WHAT! YOU DON'T KNOW?
THE CHAIRMAN CANCELLED THE REPORT OF THE MATTER WITH THE COACH TO THE POLICE THOUGH?
...THE POLICE HAVEN'T TOLD ME ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
Let me hit quickly.
To that limit?!
SQUEAK
SQUEAK
WHAT REALLY IS
PISSING ME OFF IS

"IT MADE ME HAPPY"
Ami...
Ah
BUT— SOMEHOW,
I LIKE THE KYOUSUKE FROM THE LAST FEW WEEKS BETTER
THAN THE KYOUSUKE FROM A COUPLE OF MONTHS AGO
WHAT?

IF I WERE TOLD THAT I DIDN'T HAVE LONG TO LIVE ANY-MORE
I MIGHT TAKE REVENGE ON GUYS THAT PISSED ME OFF, I MIGHT DO BAD THINGS...
BUT, FALLING IN LOVE, THAT FEELS GOOD~ DOESN'T IT?
"LOVE" ..
WAH! THIS IS BAD!
HEY!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!!
KYOUSUKE..?
...CHAIRMAN

WAIT!
I KNEW ABOUT IT!
THAT YOUR COACH
WAS MATCH-MAKING ALL THE TIME, TO MAKE MONEY OUT OF YOU.
AND THAT HE EVEN TRIED TO STEAL THE MONEY?
...WHY DID YOU LET HIM?

BECAUSE I WAS WATCHING HIM!
I DIDN'T LET YOU DO POINTLESS MATCHES.
AFTER ALL, I'M MANAGING ALL THE MONEY.
I WAS REALLY
LOOKING AFTER YOUR BEST INTERESTS.


I'm not pissed off because I've been rejected
I'm sad because you're going to die.
Ami.
DOCTOR.
THERE'S A SIGN OF SOMETHING FROM ABOUT 2 WEEKS AGO, PROBABLY.

I THINK YOU PROBABLY KNOW IT YOURSELF BUT—
YES, DOCTOR.
BUT I HADN'T NOTICED AT ALL.
WELL, A MISCARRIAGE DURING THE VERY FIRST PERIOD IS OF COURSE DUE TO YOUR LOWER IMMUNITY BUT
RATHER THAN SAYING IT'S SAD, WITH YOU BEING
NO!
DOCTOR, I'M
SAD...!
...SIS?
IT'S DISGUSTING, I'D NEVER EXPECT TO GET PREGNANT..!
CALM DOWN..!

YUUKI, SORRY ...
LEAVE US...
.....
HUH? YOU...
WHAT?
I'VE MET YOU AT COMPETITIONS A COUPLE OF TIMES.
AH, SORRY, YOU DON'T REMEMBER, HUH?
MINE?
Matches?
YEAH. I SEE YOU'RE NOT WELL.
I thought I wouldn't see you for a while
NOT REALLY.

Came for an examination
.....
'Not really'
UMM, YOU DON'T REMEMBER BUT
I'M TAKIGAWA AMI'S BROTHER--
RATTLE
RATTLE!
AMI IS IN THIS HOSPITAL?!
HEY! IS SHE FEELING THAT BAD?
OUCH!
IF SHE HAS A HALF YEAR THEN SHE'S STILL-
KYOUSUKE-KUN?!

HUH?!
SIS, YOU'RE ALREADY GOING HOME?!
At least one night
I SLEPT A WHOLE DAY AND TOMORROW IS MY LAST DAY AT WORK.
..KYOUSUKE-KUN, ARE YOU HOSPITALIZED?
SIS, HOW DO YOU KNOW ABOUT HIM BEING SICK?
BECAUSE WE'RE LOVERS.
——
JUST AN EXAMINATION?

...A MAINTENANCE.
TO BUILD UP MY PHYSIQUE FOR THE NEXT MATCH.
YOU'RE GOING TO PARTICIPATE!
YOU RETURNED TO THE GYM, HUH? I'M GLAD.
I'M SORRY.
IT GOT MESSED UP, RIGHT? SINCE YOU SUDDENLY FAINTED.
FOR NOW, YOU WANT SOME TEA? OR COFFEE?
LISTEN,
AMI—

WON'T YOU DATE ME?
Hug
—IT'S IMPOSSIBLE,
MY CANCER IS DEFINITELY PROGRESSING.
—IT'S THE FIRST TIME

THAT I CAN'T GET SOMETHING OUT OF MY HEAD
BESIDES BOXING.
MY LIFE WAS REALLY WORTHLESS, AND NOW THAT IT'S COMING TO ITS END
I GET THE FEELING THAT I CAN ONLY HEAR YOUR VOICE.
SO EVEN IF IT'S SHORT,
NO MATTER HOW YOU BECOME,
I WANT TO SEE IT THROUGH
TILL THE END.

—YEAH.
YOU'VE JUST COME BACK FROM THE HOSPITAL THOUGH...
IT'S FINE...

...I DIDN'T
FINE AFTER ALL.
I LIED.. IT'S NOT
Pant
shudder
THINK THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN EVER AGAIN AND THAT'S FINE
HOWEVER,
I COULDN'T GET YOU OUT OF MY HEAD...
...SO
CAN WE DO IT LOTS OF TIMES?
Chuckle
IDIOT.

SERIOUSLY, BY JUST WATCHING YOU,
I'm like this
WAH
blush
KIND OF UNSOPHISTICATED HUH
Right from the start
AH...
THIS PLACE HAS BEEN TOTALLY WET TOO, EVEN BEFORE I TOUCHED IT.
NNA...
suck
spin
AH... HA...
suck
I'M...
DON'T
...DO IT SO HEAVILY.

MM...
Hug
I'M CLIM-MING...
shudder
shudder
Haa
AMI...
shlick
shlick

KYOUSUKE-KUN...
DRIP
IT FEELS GOOD...
I HAVEN'T PUT IT IN YET
YEAH, NOT YET.
IF YOU PUT IT IN, I MIGHT GO CRAZY...
THAT'S GOOD.
GRAB
AH...

YA...
AH!
shlick
shlick
AMI...
WOW, ME TOO...
shudder
shudder
JUST BECAUSE OF HIS VOICE.

IT FEELS REALLY GOOD INSIDE OF YOU...
AH...!
It's like,
I am inside of you too.
—UH.

I lose myself inside of you.
IF YOU'RE SCARED, IN PAIN, THEN
FEEL FREE TO CRY, OKAY?
BECAUSE I WILL DEFINITELY BE THERE FOR YOU.
Grab
—
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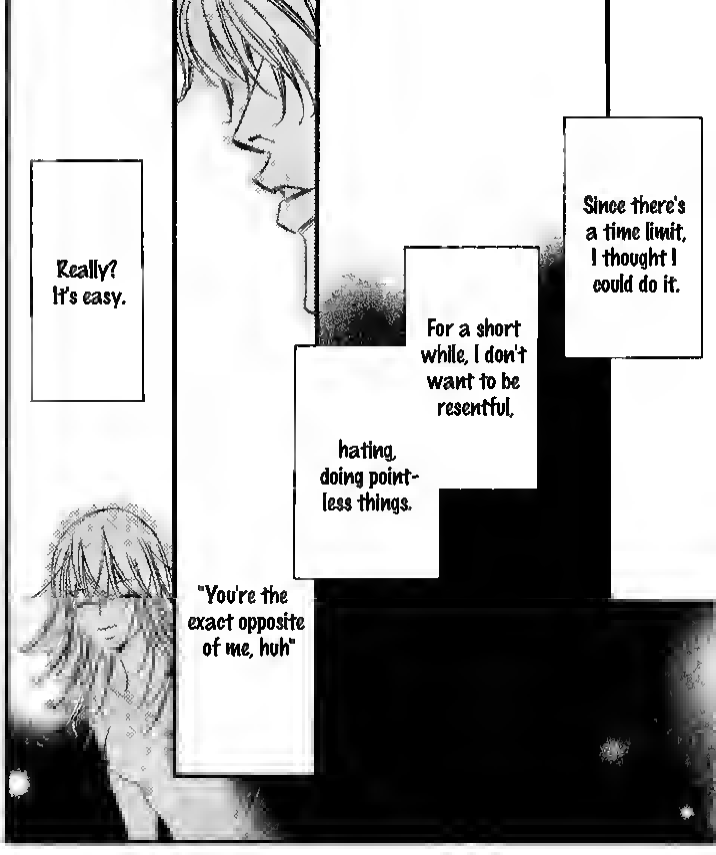
whisper..
...YOU'RE THE EXACT OPPOSITE OF ME, HUH.
kiss
I'm fine
probably.

From now on, Kyousuke will be there for me.
I'M DESPERATE IN MY OWN WAY
BUT IT SEEMS I'M THE ONE BEING LOOKED AFTER
SINCE YOU'RE A TRANSVESTITE
THAT'S MEA—N.
Transvestites are strong, too!
Ahaha
ACTUALLY, SIS WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO PROTECTED ME FROM MY FATHER'S VIOLENCE SO,
SO NOW I WANT TO SUPPORT HER TOO.
..HOW IS YOUR FATHER DOING NOW?
WE HAVEN'T SEEN HIM SINCE WE LEFT HOME 10 YEARS AGO.

.....
I'VE BEEN THINKING THAT WE SHOULD LET FATHER KNOW ABOUT MY SISTER'S CANCER.
WE TALKED ABOUT IT THOUGH
SALE
YOU'RE SURPRISINGLY SERIOUS!
TODAY'S CURRY, HUH?
COLLAPS
FATHER..!
YO AMI! YOU'RE LATE, HUH?

SINCE YOU DON'T WANT TO SEAL IT AND HAND IT OVER,
I'VE COME TO YOU NOW...
IT'S OKAY, ISN'T IT? A LIFE INSURANCE OR TWO.
SINCE YOU'RE GOING TO DIE ANYWAY, YOU MIGHT AS WELL DO ME A SERVICE.
SLAM
STOP!!
KYOUSUKE-KUN, JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE!
WHAT! ARE YOU AMI'S MAN?
THEN I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING NICE.

STOP IT! YOU'LL KILL HIM, KYOUSUKE!!
!!
THE MISCARRIAGE SHE HAD THE OTHER DAY
WAS MINE.
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MATCHES ANYMORE!!
STOP!!
For as long as I'm alive, I'll try to be gentle.


Since there's a time limit, I thought I could do it.
For a short while, I don't want to be resentful,
hating, doing point-less things.
"You're the exact opposite of me, huh"
Really? It's easy.

Because my lover is by my side.

peek
KYOU-SUKE~
ARE YOU READY~
OH!
DON'T GET TOO MANY BLOWS TO THE HEAD OKAY~
YOUR LUMPS WILL ONLY BE COAGULATED FROM THE INSIDE, WITH A CATHETER
DON'T WORRY, AMI IS ALSO WATCHING.
WELL, WHEN YOU HAVE TO BREAK IT OFF, BREAK IT OFF THOUGH.

Ami...
HEY, IS IT REALLY OKAY TO COME EVERY DAY?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M SKIPPING PRACTICE
It's forbidden to have sex before a match!
HEHE...
IN THE EVENING WE SLEEP TOGETHER BUT DIDN'T THEY SAY THAT'S FORBIDDEN?
YOU'RE SO GENTLE!
smooth
RIGHT NOW IT'S FINE.
YOUR BACK DOESN'T HURT?
THAT'S COLD
I DON'T MIND IT, SO TAKE OFF YOUR HAT I'M USED TO IT

THE GUY FROM THE GYM ALSO SAID THAT YOU'RE GENTLE LATELY.
WHAT?! THAT'LL BE A TOUGH TRAINING FOR SHUU TOMORROW!
IT'S A GOOD THING, NO...
Since I'm in his section all
.. I'M GLAD
THAT YOU DIDN'T KILL MY DAD THAT TIME.
..I KNOW
IT'S JUST NOT POSSI-BLE TO FOR-GIVE HIM
WHEN HE DIES, BUT YOU SEE
YOU LIVING YOUR LIFE LIKE THAT IS

"The reason
I lived."
AMI,
THEN, I'LL BE BACK SOON.
END
CLOSE

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FHHSH
University
YOU BROKE UP AGAIN, KOTOKO?!
HOW MANY TIMES HAS IT BEEN NOW?
THAT'S THE 6TH TIME SINCE HIGH SCHOOL, isn't it~?
STOP EXPOSING ME.
HIS 'FINGERS' WERE NO GOOD
HE'S NOT WORTH IT.
HE SAID TO ME, "SORRY, YOU'RE TOO SEXUALLY FRIGID."
WHAT THE HELL?! THOSE TYPES THAT SAY STUFF LIKE THAT TO WOMEN ARE THE WORST!
Shout
GOOD RIDDANCE!
Shout
COLLEGE WOMEN SURE ARE SCARY.
OUR GIRL HERE LIKES
THE UNCLE TYPES.
Doesn't she~?
URGHH

It's a long time to wait.
BUT YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN 6 YEARS?
Strike
Sure can!
THERE'S ONLY ONE PERSON WHO IS IMPORTANT TO ME
AS LONG AS THE BLOOD FLOWS PROPERLY (DOWN THERE), THEN THERE ISN'T ANY DIFFERENCE
YOU'RE WRONG!
UNCLE TYPES?! HOW UNPRODUCTIVE~
CLATTER
Isn't it?
HE'S PROBABLY AGED A WHOLE LOT TOO
IF YOU MEET YOU MIGHT BE HEART-BROKEN~
YOU HAVE BLOOMED SINCE THOSE DAYS
I USED TO WATCH HIM PAINT PICTURE BOOKS
HE HAD LONG DELICATE FINGERS
THOSE DAYS HAVE LEFT A HOLE IN ME STILL
IT'S BEEN 6 YEARS SINCE HE WAS IN UNIVERSITY
He said those words to me back then
"I LOVE YOU, KOTOKO"
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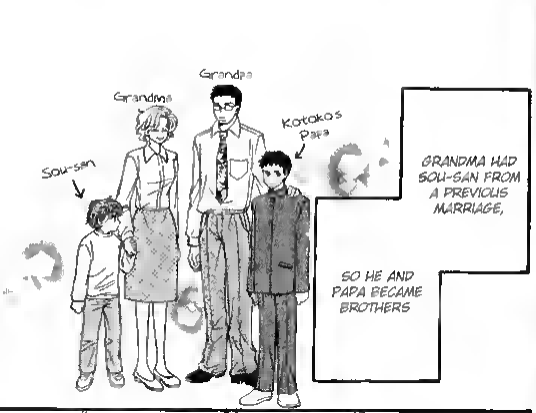
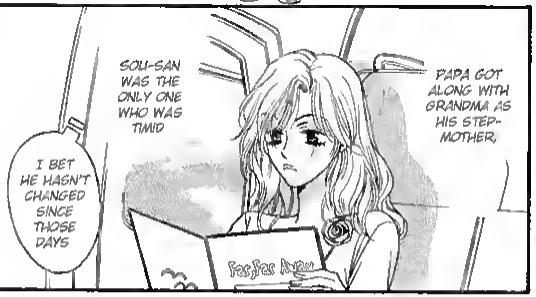
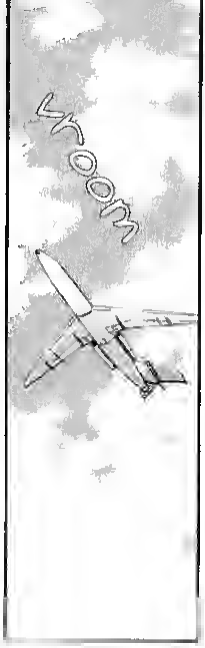
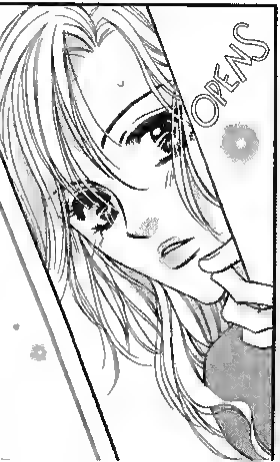
Picture books sure are expensive
I DON'T KNOW WHEN TO GIVE UP, DO I?
I'M STILL DOING THIS
That's 1500 yen Please.
Picture Books
Far, Far Away
by Yasuhiro Sou
SOU-SAN'S NEW WORKS
Ohh
Meiyuu Bookstore
I'VE ENTERED THE COLLEGE OF ARTS,
AND HERE I AM STILL BUYING PICTURE BOOKS
click
IT NEVER WORKS OUT WELL WITH OTHER MEN
THE CIGARETTES SEEM TO MULTIPLY MORE AND MORE
MAYBE THAT'S WHY I NEVER GOT OVER MY FIRST LOVE
NO, THAT'S NOT IT.
PERHAPS I SHOULD GET A SUMMER JOB AND GO BACK TO KYUSHU, AND RESOLVE THIS.
I'M HOME~

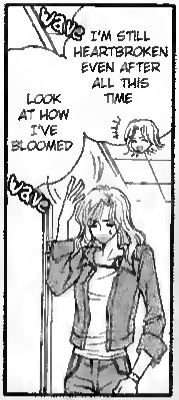
JEEZ, KOTOKO YOU DIDN'T REPLY TO MY MESSAGE
HUH?
SHO-SAN HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO THE HOSPITAL!
He was in an accident!
THUMP
THANK GOD IT'S ONLY A FRACTURED BONE...
HOWEVER, GRANDMA HURT HER BACK SO SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF HIM.
MAMA... SHALL I GO TO KYUSHU?
HUH?
I'LL TAKE SOME TIME OFF WORK AND TAKE OVER FOR HER
Taking care of him won't be hard
GR-
IN
WON'T YOU PAY FOR ME TO GO? ♡
IF I GO SEE HIM, MAYBE THEN I'LL KNOW IF I STILL LOVE HIM!




SOU-SAN WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO WAS TIMID
PAPA GOT ALONG WITH GRANDMA AS HIS STEP-MOTHER,
I BET HE HASN'T CHANGED SINCE THOSE DAYS







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THUMP
AH...
BLUSH
IT'S SOU-SAN!
YOUNG LADY, DO YOU HAVE BUSINESS HERE?
U-UM...
K-
!
KOTOKO?!

HEY!
I'LL COME TO KNOW SOON!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?! IS IT BECAUSE OF MY MOTHER?!
Mama
KYOKO-SAN DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING...
GRANDMA STRAINED HER BACK SO I CAME INSTEAD.
WHAT THE HELL?! YOU DIDN'T THINK I WOULD WORRY?
ER...
LIM—
YAGUCHI-SAN, WHO IS THIS CUTE PERSON?
Ho ho ho
I'M HIS FUTURE WIFE~
Ho ho ho
Wak!
THIS GIRL'S MY NIECE! JUST MY NIECE!
KOTOKO... STOP JOKING AROUND LIKE THAT
OH MY! WHY SHOULD I?

MEN.
IT'S FINE TO DO THAT STUFF BACK HOME BUT
OTHERS WILL THINK I'M A LOLICON* FREAK...
I'M 19 ALREADY!
How's ages that make you a lolicon?
THE AGE DIFFERENCE!
*OLDER MEN WHO IS INTERESTED IN PREPUBESCENT GIRLS
DID YOU NOT HEAR HIM CALL ME YOUNG LADY?
PRAT
THIS IS WHAT MAKES YOU SUCH A CHILD.
DON'T TAKE IT SERIOUSLY
SO NOW THE CHILD'S BECOME AN ADULT, BUT I'M STILL A WOMAN...
IT'S ALL RIGHT FOR YOU MEN TO SAY AS YOU PLEASE
MY LETTERS ...
WHY DID YOU NEVER REPLY?
.....

correct
THIS IS BAD
I DIDN'T EXPECT TO MEET YOU UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
THIS IS BAD
?
HAVE I BOTHERED YOU BY COMING HERE ..?
IT WAS ONLY 6 YEARS AGO THAT YOU WERE CALLING ME "SOU-SAN."
HIS FINGERS ARE THE SAME FROM BACK THEN
WHY DON'T WE MOVE TO ANOTHER PLACE?
YOU JUST WANT TO SMOKE DON'T YOU?

THANKS FOR EVERY-THING, KOTOKO
HIS EYES ARE JUST AS KIND LOOKING AS BACK THEN
BUT NOW
I NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT MY PRINCE AS AN ADULT
HE'S KIND OF CUTER

IT'S FINE! I'LL DO IT SO—
Ah! Hey! Stop helping yourself
WELL, I'LL TAKE ANYTHING THAT NEEDS WASHING BACK TO THE HOTEL.
Open
YOU CAN'T, YOUR LEG IS HURT

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I CAN GET MY HANDS ON A WHEEL CHAIR HERE SO...
I'M JUST DOING WHAT GRANDMA WOULD DO!
APART-MENT?
Busted!
AHH!
MY PLANTS AT MY APARTMENT NEED...
I SUPPOSE THEY'LL NEED WATERING,
AND A LITTLE TIDYING UP WOULDN'T HURT EITHER...
I bet it reeks stewing at the hotel...
DON'T WORRY AT ALL,
LEAVE IT TO YOUR DARLING NIECE, OKAY?
Grin
Click
I GOT SOU-SAN'S KEY!
Gleam
Click
CREAK

SHOWS NO PRESENCE OF ANY WOMAN BEING HERE
CHECKS!
...THIS PLACE STILL SMELLS THE SAME...

"IT'S DECIDED." I THINK I KNOW NOW
POOF
IT SMELLS LIKE SOU-SAN~
I REALLY DO WANT SOU-SAN STILL
KOTOKO!
COME HAVE A LOOK
THEY CHOSE THE PICTURE THAT I DREW OF YOU!
Rookie Illustrator of the Year
EVERYONE IS GOING TO READ A PICTURE BOOK WITH YOU IN IT!
EVERYONE ...?
NO! I DON'T WANT TO BE SEEN LIKE THAT!
I DON'T WANT THEM TO SEE ME!

KOTOKO IS ONLY FOR YOU!
squeeze
laugh
YOU WERE SELFISH BACK THEN
laugh
IS THAT WHEN I GOT SCARED AND RAN AWAY?
YOU WERE ALWAYS THE TROUBLE-MAKER
LIKE THAT TIME YOU TURNED UP AT MY SCHOOL
IT WAS DIFFICULT BABYSITTING YOU ALL THE TIME
University
Oh, it's a high student
Sou-san I've decided!
WELL!
LIH...
BACK THEN, I WAS JUST A LITTLE GIRL, ALL RIGHT!
THAT'S ABOUT WHEN WE LEFT FOR TOKYO!

laugh
I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD BE TAKING ANYTHING BUT THE SKIN OFF THE APPLE.
laugh
AHH!
Wh- What?!
THUMP
!!!
HEH
Pssh it's...
SMOKING HAS MADE YOU FORGET.
cut
cut
HIS LONG FINGERS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL
SEE!
Done.

!?
AH...!
surprised
AMAZING! LET ME SEE...
MR YAGUCHI
Y-
YES...
I'M MORI, A DOCTOR HERE
I'M HIS NIECE
how...
HUH?
YOU'RE ALSO A YAGUCHI?

WAIT, WAIT, MISS YAGUCHI~
AH SURE
PERHAPS I CAN TELL YOU MORE ABOUT HIS CONDITION THEN
COME FOR HIS REHAB TOMORROW
SEEMS LIKE DR. MORI HAS TAKEN A LIKING TO KOTOKO-CHAN
Heh, if only I could go too~
I CAN'T WIN AGAINST A DOCTOR
You fell for her too?
WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF SHE MARRIED A DOCTOR AND SETTLED DOWN IN KYUSHU?
HAHAHA THAT'S JUST
....

SO THEN? ARE YOU GOING?!
YOU'RE BEING TOO LOUD, SOU-SAN
DID HE ASK YOU TO DINNER?
Dr. Mori that is
GO HOME
correct
MAYBE I SHOULD TRY DATING A DOCTOR JUST ONCE...
Might as well
YOU'RE JUST TRYING TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER
SOU-SAN YOUR DOCTOR WAS JUST JOKING AROUND, OKAY?
WAIT...
I'LL BE BUSY TRYING TO USE A CANE
I HAVE REHAB TOMORROW.
HUH?
GO BACK TO TOKYO ALREADY...
anger
Ishouno Scans

I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HIM!
YOU'RE MISTAKEN THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN ME AND HIM
I DON'T CARE WHO IT IS, JUST AS LONG AS YOU'RE HAPPY..
AFTER ALL, YOU ARE MY PRECIOUS NIECE..
I HAVEN'T MISUNDERSTOOD ANYTHING
EH...?
THEN WHY DO YOU WANT ME TO..
Don't come!
IT'S JUST...! I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME HERE LIKE THIS!
HUH?! WHAT IS THIS?
EXPLAIN TO ME..
Touch
PUSH
I'M ASKING YOU, KOTOKO..
GO BACK HOME...

I THOUGHT I COULD BE BY HIS SIDE,
I DON'T WANT YOU TO SEE ME LIKE THIS!
BUT HE WON'T EVEN ALLOW ME TO TOUCH HIM
COLLAPSE
creak
I GUESS THERE ISN'T ANYTHING I CAN DO?

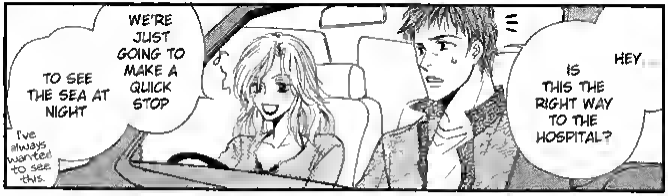
TOMORROW I'LL LEAVE
HOW COULD I HAVE NOT NOTICED THAT 6 YEARS AGO "
I'VE BEEN NOTHING BUT TROUBLE FOR SOU-SAN
UH
KOTOKO
UWAH
AH
KOTOKO
KOTOKO.
GOODBYE, SOU-SAN...

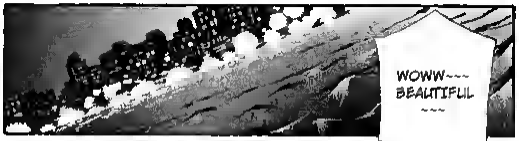
Creak
I CAN'T FIND A SPARE
IT'S JUST A PILLOW, AFTER ALL
HM?
Better clean it up
OH GREAT... I'VE MADE A MESS
SNIFF
WHAT A CUTE BOX.
It's not like him to have this
SHOULD I PEEK?
puzzled
Yaguchi Sou-sama
Yaguchi
pop

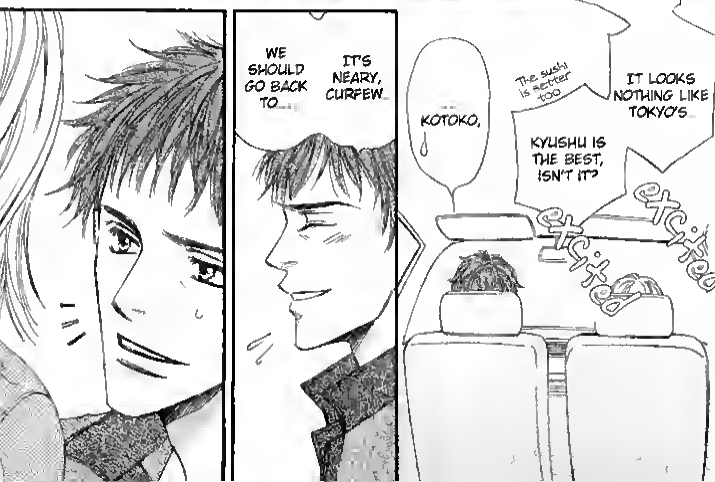
IT'S MY —?!
...ALL THE WAY BACK SINCE HIS UNIVERSITY DAYS
HE KEPT THEM ALL
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
HM?
Kotoko sama
He never mailed it
OPEN
TO ME...?
ONLY ONE?
...!
To Kotok
Haven't
Hospital
Ishouju
Scans

I'M GOING BACK TOMORROW...
HOW ABOUT WE GO OUT FOR A BIT TODAY?
GO OUT?
I HIRED A CAR EVEN...
That sounds great, doesn't it?
HOW ABOUT I TAKE THE WORLD'S GREATEST ILLUSTRATOR OUT TO SUSHI!
SUSHI?!
JUST THIS ONCE IS OKAY, RIGHT?
I UNDERSTAND...
You need to sign me out...

You're eating the expensive ones.
Chew
Chew
This is so good.


HEY
IS THIS THE RIGHT WAY TO THE HOSPITAL?
WE'RE JUST GOING TO MAKE A QUICK STOP
TO SEE THE SEA AT NIGHT
I've always wanted to see this.


WOWW~~~ BEAUTIFUL ~~~


WE SHOULD GO BACK TO...
IT'S NEARY, CURFEW
KOTOKO,
The sushi is better too
IT LOOKS NOTHING LIKE TOKYO'S
KYUSHU IS THE BEST, ISN'T IT?
Stuffed
Stuffed

JEANS
!
STOP—
KOTOKO!
ST—

push
PLEASE STOP.
thump
SOU-SAN!!
I LOVE YOU...
I LOVE YOU, SOU-SAN!
I LOVE YOU.
embrace
DON'T...
I'LL...

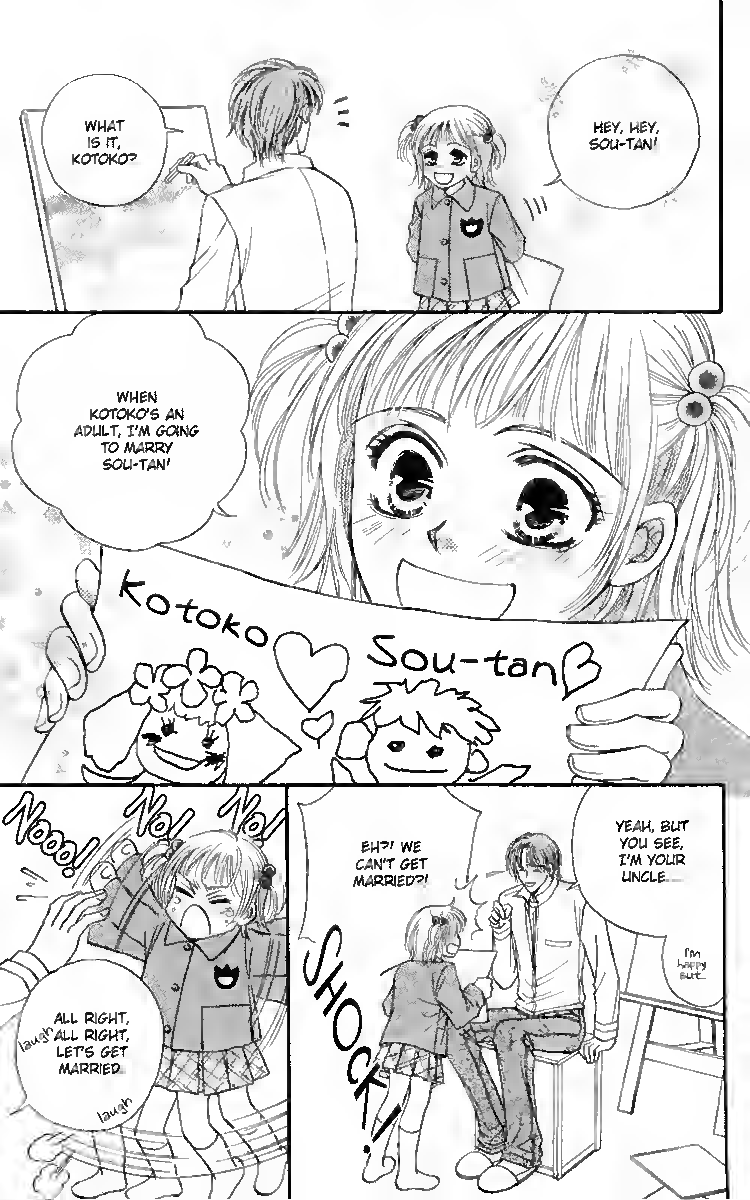
HN...
HNN...
ZIP
HUFF
KO KOTOKO UH...
UHH
AH...
UH—
IDIOT!
PUSH
!
THEREFORE, YOU...
...THIS IS JUST THE START OF IT, ALL RIGHT?

shock
squeeze
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL, KOTOKO.
kick
HN...
AHH...
AH...
slosh
slosh
EVERY TIME HE TOUCHES ME, I FEEL A RUSH OF ELECTRICITY
IF THIS GOES ON I'LL —

I WANT YOU, SOU-SAN...
HNN...
I CAN'T TAKE IT...
Pinch
slosh
slosh
I'M SORRY... I CAN'T MOVE...
COME HERE, KOTOKO
AH...
SOU-SAN'S HANDS ARE HOLDING ME
THRUST
THRUST

THIS FEELS EVEN BETTER THAN WHEN ONLY HIS FINGERS WERE TOUCHING ME
Ba-DUMP
!
AH.
AH!
AHH.
AHH.
KOTOKO...
I ONLY WANT TO HEAR HIS VOICE.
KOTOKO... UH...
Pinch
"IT'S NOT EASY TRYING TO RESTRAIN MYSELF FROM TOUCHING YOU."

"THAT I LOVE YOU SO MUCH, KOTOKO."
"ALTHOUGH WE ARE FAR AWAY, NOTHING WILL CHANGE THE FACT..."
DOING THIS TO HIS DAUGHTER...
I MAY NOT BE HIS REAL BROTHER, BUT STILL...
THERE'S NO WAY I CAN FACE MY BROTHER NOW.
OH WELL. ♡
AH!
reveals
BECAUSE I ALREADY KNOW YOUR ANSWER.
Yaguchi Kotoko-sama
WHY ARE YOU SO FULL OF CONFIDENCE?
and I'm giving up smoking, okay?
I'M ENTRUSTING EVERYTHING TO YOU, ♡
KISS
END


WHAT IS IT, KOTOKO?
HEY, HEY, SOU-TAN!
WHEN KOTOKO'S AN ADULT, I'M GOING TO MARRY SOU-TAN!
Kotoko
Sou-tan
Nooo!
No!
No!
ALL RIGHT, laugh ALL RIGHT, LET'S GET MARRIED. laugh
SHOCK!
EH?! WE CAN'T GET MARRIED?!
YEAH, BUT YOU SEE, I'M YOUR UNCLE.
I'm sorry but...

sob
REALLY? YOU PROMISE?
YES, I PROMISE!
WHEN YOU BECOME A LADY.
I CRIED SO EASILY WHEN I WAS A CHILD
ALL THOSE YEARS I WISHED TO BE HIS

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SOUKEI UNIVERSITY
WE HAVE 2 MONTHS HOLIDAY!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
HOW ABOUT WE GO TO THE BEACH?
SOUNDS GREAT!
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING AND SAVING A LOT KOTOKO.. COME HAVE FUN!
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY NO MONEY.
I SPENT IT ALL TO GO TO KYUSHU.
Ehehen
TO SEE .. YOUR UNCLE RIGHT?
ISN'T HE A FAMOUS ILLUSTRATOR?
Get me his autograph!

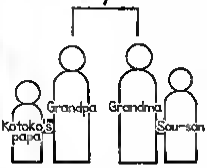
I MUST LOOK GOOD FOR THE ALL KNOWING, ILLUSTRATOR SOU-SAN!
I GOT A JOB, QUIT SMOKING AND PLAYING WITH MEN.
I MUST KEEP MY IMAGE CLEAN.
Pipe
Hehehe, you're such a liar~~~
IT'S BEEN 1 MONTH SINCE I WAS BEING ALL LOVEY DOVEY WITH SOU-SAN, IN KYUSHU.
Just wanna jump him already♡
heh
heh
WHAT'S YOUR REAL MOTIVE?
CAN'T BE HELPED, SHE'S JUST SO HAPPY.
SHE'S CHANGING ISN'T SHE?
HE MUST'VE BEEN ONE HELL OF AN UNCLE IN THE PAST HUH?
Of course he'd have to be.
SEE YOU LATER
ｻﾔﾄ

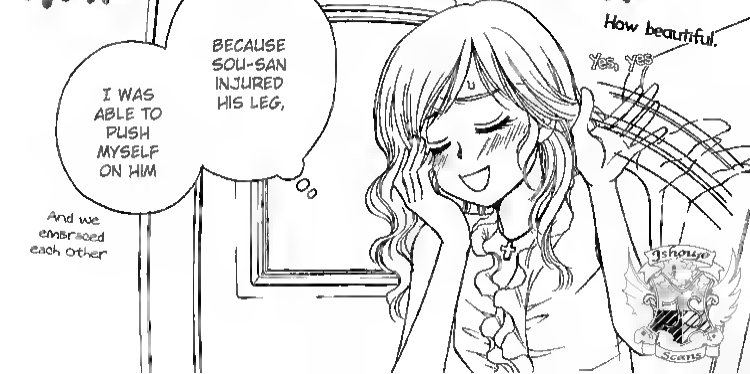
It's been 6 years since Sou-san left for Kyushu.

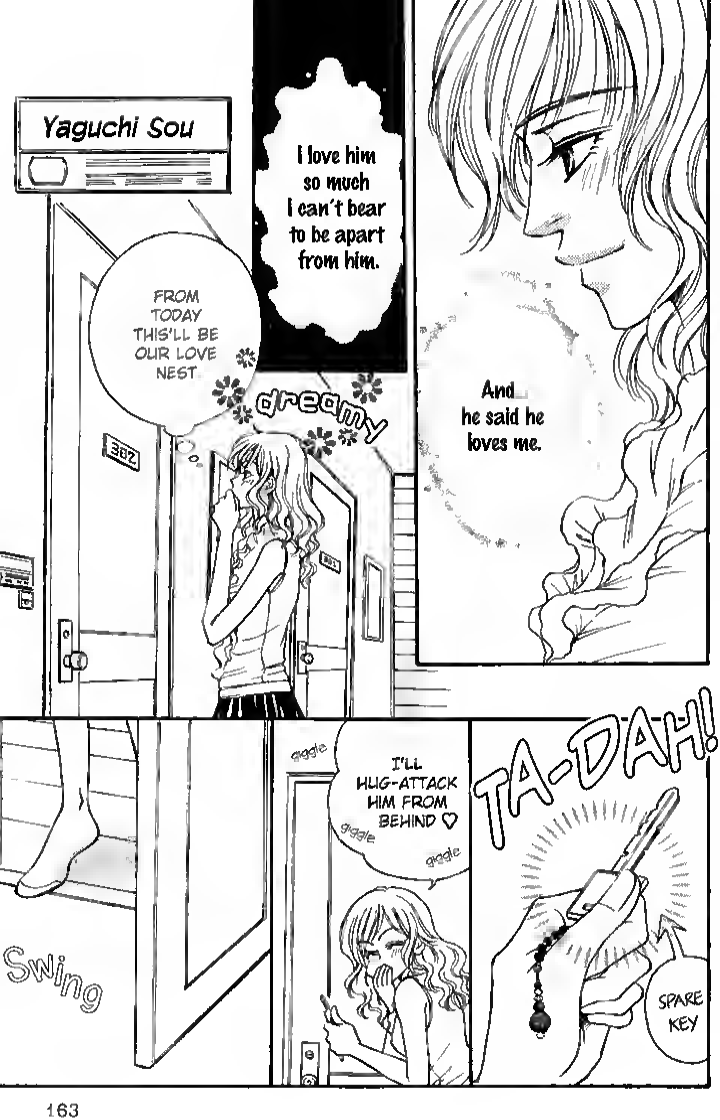
Then this year I went back there.

It all happened because grandma hurt her back.

My first love was Sou-san. We are not related by blood.






Yaguchi Sou
I love him so much I can't bear to be apart from him.
And he said he loves me.
FROM TODAY THIS'LL BE OUR LOVE NEST
dreamy
302
giggle
I'LL HUG-ATTACK HIM FROM BEHIND ♡
giggle
giggle
TA-DAH!
SPARE KEY
Swing

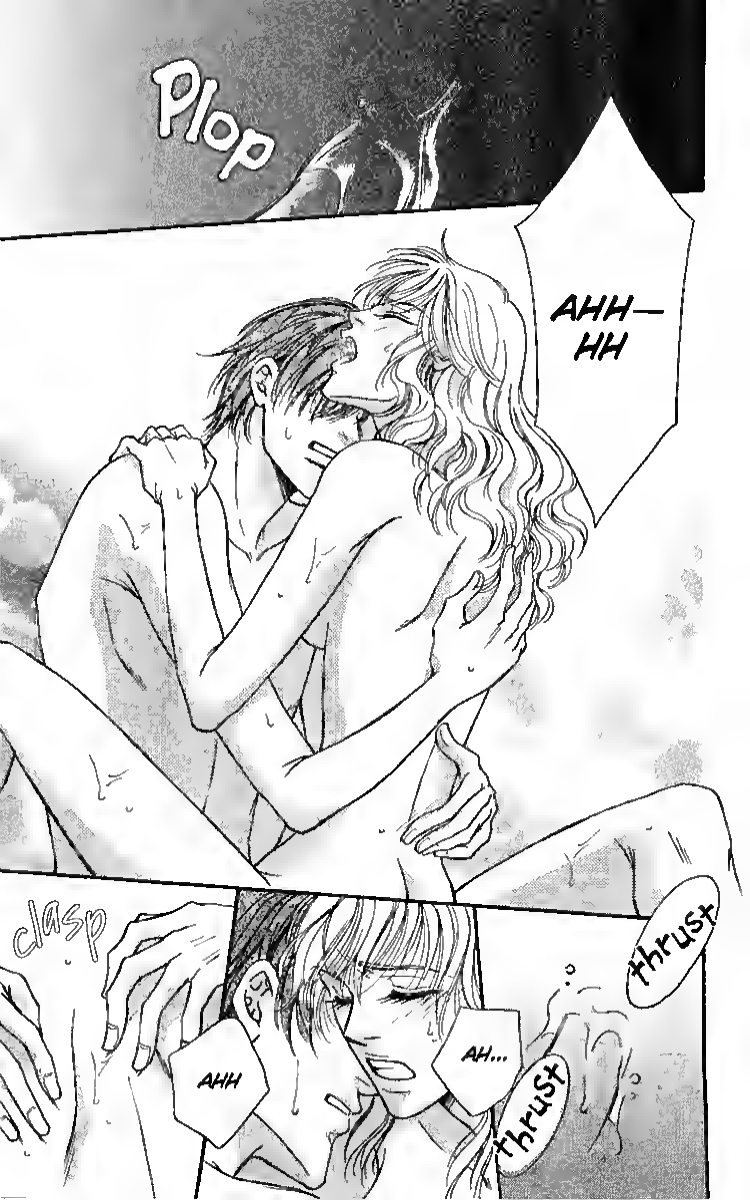
It's been so long since I've seen Sou-san drawing.
Thump
Thump
Nothing has changed at all...
.....

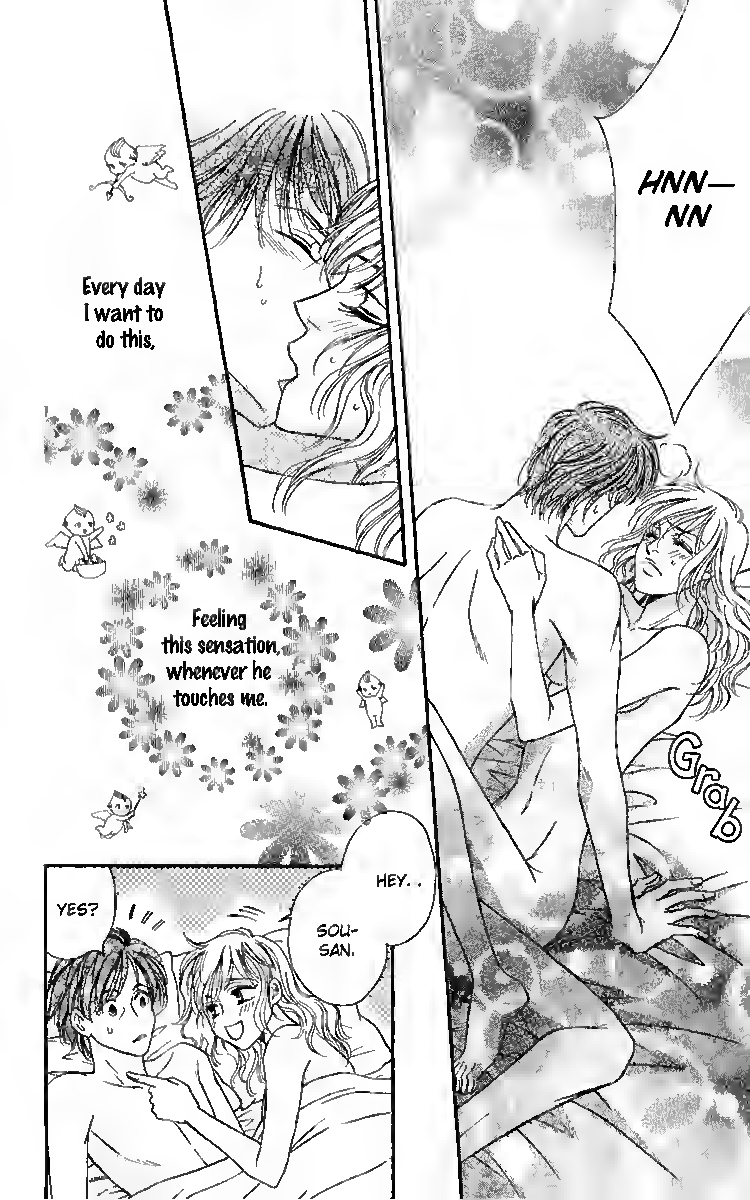
EHEH.
SPARE KEY
HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?!
WHEN DID YOU...
KOTO-KO?!
EH... KO—
HI.
NOW I CAN COME STRAIGHT IN.
YOU JUST WENT AHEAD AND GOT ONE CUT HUH...
JUST SHOWS MY LOVE FOR YOU.
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED SINCE BACK THEN...

I DON'T SMELL LIKE SMOKE DO I?
I've Quit ♡
THAT'S GREAT.
exhale
BUT WHAT IS THAT... GUM? PIPE?!
kiss

I TOLD YOU I CHANGED.
THE SMOKING AND DRAWING
IT'S ALL POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF YOU.
.....
SHOULD I RETURN... THE FAVOUR?
puff
huff
slip

KISS
SUCK
HN...
AH!
slide
HNN
HNNN
KISS KISS
SOU-SAN, GIVE IT TO ME...
PUT IT IN...
I WANT YOU...


Plop
AHH— HH
clasp
AHH
AH...
thrust
thrust


HNN—
NN
Grab
Every day I want to do this.
Feeling this sensation, whenever he touches me.
HEY..
SOU-SAN.
YES?

WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT TO TELL EVERY-ONE YOU'RE MY LOVER?
BY EVERYONE... YOU MEAN MY BROTH-ERS?
YEAH, PAPA AND THE OTHERS
...
WE SHOULD WAIT...
WHY? ARE YOU WORRIED?
WE'RE NOT RE-LATED BY BLOOD.
I REALLY THINK PAPA WOULD BE OKAY ABOUT IT.
IT WOULD NEED TO BE DONE IF WE WERE TO MARRY ANYWAY
Or he could go ballistic.
KOTO-KO...

I don't give a damn but I don't want to lose him.
I UNDERSTAND, I'LL KEEP IT A SECRET.
SORRY
but does he truly feel the same way?
But I keep wondering if he feels the same.
I've told him that I love him—
Why that look on his face?

SOU-SAN, SOU-SAN.
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M MOVING INTO THE UNIVERSITY DORMS
WHY?! YOU CAN'T.
IT'S JUST MORE CONVENIENT FOR ME TO STAY THERE AND STUDY.
I'LL COME BACK FROM TIME TO TIME.
PROMISE!? MAKE SURE TO COME BACK, ALRIGHT?
Sou-san didn't come back as often as he said would.
It made me go to him to hang out.
UNI LIFE SEEMS GREAT! LET ME SEE WHERE YOU'RE STAYING.
I'M CURRENTLY RENTING WITH A FRIEND AT THE MOMENT SO—.
CAN'T WE HANG OUT OUTSIDE?
SURE— WITH MY FRIENDS..
angry
THEN COME HOME!

He still wouldn't come home more often.
I went to his apartment sometimes.
Whenever he came to visit us, though, he had the same expression.
And then 2 years later...
KYUSHU?!
I'VE SAVED ENOUGH MONEY.
IT'S THE ONE PLACE I LOVE TO DO MY DRAWINGS.
COME...
COME BACK SOON, ALRIGHT!
COME BACK, ALRIGHT!
I'LL BE WAITING...
He never returned.
Kyushu is too far...

Sou-san is too far away.
KOTO-KO
KO
KOTOKO!
WHAT'S WRONG?
hug
He keeps having the same expression.
JUST... DON'T GO ANYWHERE.
.....I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE.

I KNOW THAT YOU'LL JUST COME LOOKING FOR ME.
THAT'S RIGHT.
YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE I WANT!
WHEREVER YOU GO, I'LL GO TOO!
OTHER-WISE I'LL NEVER FORGIVE—
HNN...
HN
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE HOLIDAYS.
YEAH...

September
I'M HOME!
Y_uchi
YOU CAME BACK LATE.
I WAS THE LAST TO FINISH WORK
WHAT'RE YOU DOING WITH THE MONEY?
USING IT ON PAINT AND CLOTHES..
Heheh
OH YEAH,
THIS WINTER HOLIDAYS I MIGHT GO SEE SOU-SAN TO CHECK OUT SOME PAINTINGS
...KOTO-CHAN
THIS MONTH..
SOU IS COMING TO TOKYO.

RE—REALLY?!
HOW COME?!
HE'S COMING TO ACCEPT AN AWARD FOR ONE OF HIS WORKS.
I REALLY HAD NO IDEA.
KOTO-CHAN
SOU ISN'T STAYING HERE.
...HUH?
T—THEN! LET'S ALL GO TO THE HOTEL!
HE SAID HE'S REALLY BUSY WITH BUSINESS MEETINGS AND ARRANGEMENTS AT THE HOTEL.
HIS WORK SCHEDULE IS FULL AND AFTER HE'S RETURNING STRAIGHT TO KYUSHU.
WE SHOULD THROW A DINNER PARTY.
SO WE SHOULD ALL CONGRATULATE HIM.
AMAZING

KOTO-CHA—
GRANDMA WOULD WANT US TO SEE HIM.
SOU-SAN WILL BE LONELY.
KOTOKO!
SOU'S WORK COMES FIRST.
STOP THINKING ONLY OF YOUR-SELF!
PAPA. .
. I'M SORRY.
For some reason that felt strange

I kind of thought it was my fault Sou-san wasn't coming here but...
Maybe that's not true?!
Could it be he left
What is going on?!
because they wanted him to go?!
!
[I'm heading to Tokyo for a business meeting]
[Tomorrow I'll be in room 717 of the Pork Hotel -Sou]
.....

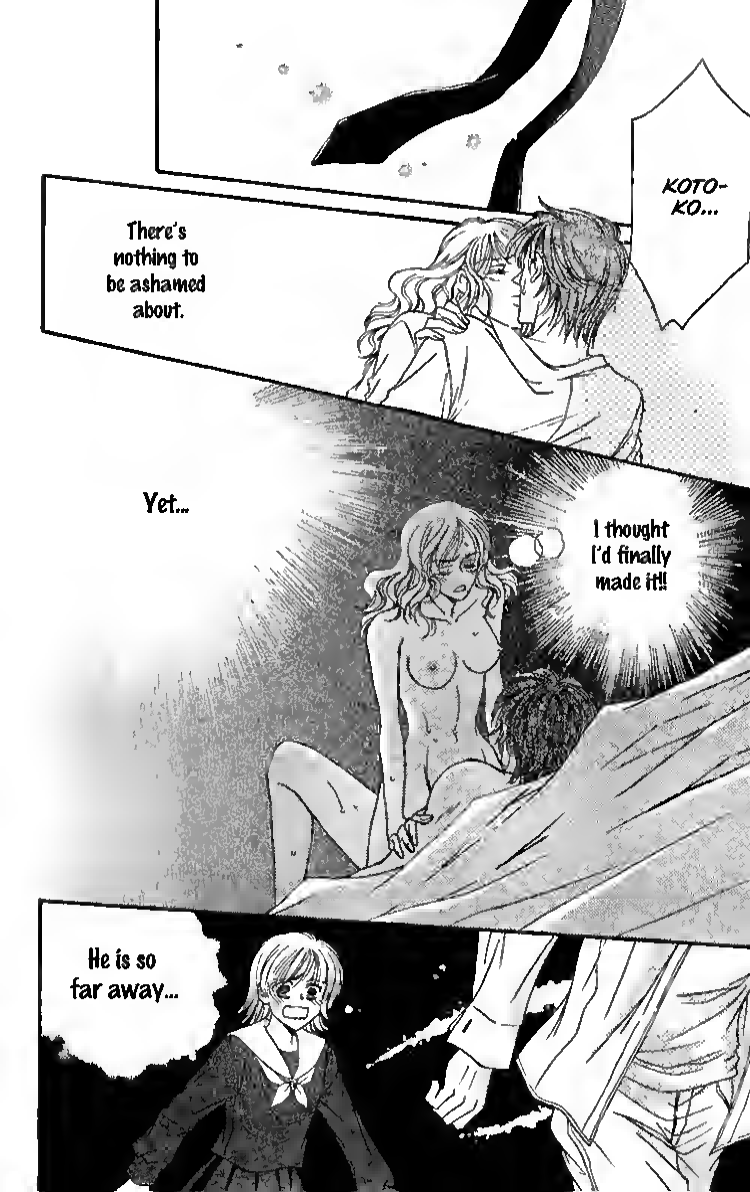
717
PARK HOT
DID YOU TELL ANYONE YOU WOULD BE STAYING OUT?
I SAID I WAS STAYING AT YURI'S PLACE.
I SEE.
I DIDN'T SAY ANY-THING ELSE AT ALL! BUT...
I THOUGHT ABOUT SAYING SOME-THING BUT I DIDN'T..

IS THAT SO.. THAT'S KIND OF WHAT I WANTED TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT...
HUH?
BESIDES ME...
IS THERE ANOTHER GUY YOU LIKE?
?
ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY SOMETHING?...
DON'T SAY WE AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE
THERE ISN'T ANYONE ELSE I LOVE OTHER THAN YOU.
HAVE YOU NOT EVEN CONSIDERED...
MY FEELINGS ON THIS?
?!

SINCE YOU WERE LITTLE YOU'D SAY YOU LOVE ME— I LED YOU ON
WHAT'RE YOU SAYING?...
YOU WERE ALWAYS WITH ME
I'M ALREADY 20! YOU DON'T HAVE TO FEEL THAT WAY; IT WAS MY CHOICE TO DO THIS!!
IT'S ALWAYS ON MY MIND. I MADE YOU SEE ME AS THE ONLY MAN...
JUST STOP!
KOTO-KO...

UNDER-
STAND
THIS...
IT WAS
YOUR
CHOICE
TOO.
SHOULDN'T YOU
TAKE RESPONSIBIL-
ITY AS YOU'VE
ALREADY SLEPT
WITH ME?
—UH
realizes
.....
Oh
no—

NO... I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY!
I MEANT THAT I TRULY LOVE YOU—
THESE FEELINGS ARE REAL, I WISH YOU COULD SEE THAT...
KISS
KISS
KOTO-KO!
HEY.
STOP...
SUCK
—UHN


KOTO-KO...
There's nothing to be ashamed about.
Yet...
I thought I'd finally made it!!
He is so far away...

CLOSE
IN THE END I DECIDED TO RETURN HOME.
KOTOKO!
Yaguchi
SURPRISED
N-NO!!
..YOU WENT TO SOU'S DIDN'T YOU?
WHAT ...?
WAS HE HAPPY?
HOW IS HE?
I WON'T GET MAD...
W— WHY?

HIS WINGS GREW THROUGH HIS DRAWINGS
SOU WAS QUITE A SENSITIVE PERSON.
WE WERE SUCH A MESSED UP FAMILY.
IT'S ALRIGHT BROTHER. SHOULDN'T YOU BUY TOMOKO A RING?
I RECEIVED A BONUS. WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE FOR CHRISTMAS?
giggle
Hee Hee
giggle
WHEN YOU ARRIVED, HE BECAME MORE OPEN

THAT'S WHEN THINGS BEGAN TO CHANGE.
I'LL DRAW YOU IN MY STORIES.
I LOVE YOU MY CUTE KOTOKO.
SOU-SAN BECAME REALLY OBSESSED WITH YOU..
JUST...
WE WERE JUST WORRIED ABOUT YOU..
WE DON'T WANT YOU INFLUENCING HER
WE THINK YOU SHOULD GIVE UP DRAWING HER.

Sou-san never mentioned that...
AREN'T YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR INFLUENCE ON HER?
Give up drawing because of me!?
SINCE HE LEFT HOME HE'S BEEN CARRYING THE GUILT OF INFLUENCING YOU.
SINCE THEN I BELIEVE HE'S BEEN SUFFERING
HE HASN'T COME TO SEE US AT ALL

IT WASN'T HIS INFLUENCE!
IT WAS ALL MY CHOICE...
I CAN SEE YOU'RE IN DENIAL WHICH IS OKAY.
NOW THAT YOU'RE 20 YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU WANT.
BUT HE STILL CARRIES THAT BURDEN...
THAT'S WHY I DO WORRY.
I KNOW IT'S MY FAULT,
BUT YOU'RE ABLE TO REACH OUT TO HIM RIGHT?
!!
...

He still cares deeply for him...
.....
Is that what he wants to say?...
Papa he,
SOUKEI UNIVERSITY

GUESS YOUR ALIBI DIDN'T WORK
SORRY FOR USING YOU.
DOESN'T MATTER-- YOU TWO WERE ABLE TO MEET.
AT HOME THEY MUST THINK YOU'RE QUITE DEMANDING RIGHT?
YOU LOOK REALLY HAPPY.
REALLY?
I don't mean to be.
IT'S SO OBVIOUS YOU ARE!!
YOU AND YOUR UNCLE HAVE TAKEN UP ILLUSTRATING.
I THINK YOUR FAMILY REALLY DOES CARE DEEPLY FOR HIM
.....

RUSTLE
Ever since I was born 20 years ago.
Sou-san has produced 8 books.
HAVE A LOOK, KOTO-KO.
flip

KOTOKO, YOU'RE IN THE STORY.
My whole childhood is shown within its pages.
He chose to leave to Kyushu just so he could continue to work on them...
drip

He included me in every stroke.
He was conveying his feelings to me.
I LOVE YOU, KOTOKO.
"SHOULDN'T YOU TAKE RESPONSIBILITY TOO AS YOU'VE ALREADY SLEPT WITH ME?"
He didn't want me to know or follow his path...
WHAT SHOULD I DO..
I..

Papa
Mama
Grandma
I want us all to laugh together...
I really love him.
What can I do to make it all better?...
Rainbow over the river

IS IT REALLY ALRIGHT YOU DON'T GO?
GRANDMA AND THE OTHERS TOO...
IT'S ABOUT TIME THE AWARD CEREMONY STARTED.
.....
THAT'S JUST SAD.
PERHAPS YOU SHOULD CONTACT HIM OR SOME-THING...
SOU SAID "YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME".
LATELY SHE HASN'T BEEN GOING OUT.
SHE'S IN HER ROOM.
.....
.....WHERE'S KOTOKO?

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FIRST PRIZE IS SOU YA-GUCHI,
FOR 'FAR, FAR AWAY'.
CONGRATULA-TIONS!
THIS BOOK IS BASED ON A GIRL'S PASSAGE IN LIFE.
IS THE GIRL IN THIS BOOK HERE?
THE GIRL...
IS A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY.

I HOPE THAT EVERYONE WILL READ IT... I ONLY WISH FOR MY NIECE'S HAPPINESS
I PRACTICALLY DIDN'T LEAVE MY ROOM. .
I WAS BROUGHT UP WITH SO MUCH LOVE BY MY FAMILY.
clap
clap
clap
clap
AGAIN, CONGRATULATIONS
YOU'RE THE SHY TYPE YAGUCHI-SENSEI
I WAS TOO SHY SO I SAID FOR THEM NOT TO COME.
WHERE'S YOUR FAMILY TODAY?
I WOULDN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY IF THEY WERE HERE.

EVERYONE I KNOW IS IN KYUSHU.
EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY IS BUSY.
My mother hurt her back anyway
YEAH.
YOU REALLY DIDN'T TELL ANYONE TO COME HUH YAGUCHI?
I COULDN'T DO THAT.
SLAM
clack
clack
Should've bought the girl too
INSTEAD OF LOOKING LIKE A DUMMY.
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT ON STAGE.
EHH?! THE CEREMONY IS OVER ALREADY?!
IF I TOLD HER SHE WOULD DECLINE TO COME. .
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN LET HIM KNOW I'M HERE?
!?
That voice

CLATTER
THESE FLOWERS ARE FOR...
Haah
Hah
KOTO-KO?!
.....
WHY ARE YOU... HERE?!
DAMN~~ I DIDN'T MAKE IT IN TIME...

Rustle
Hehh
Hehh
I'M GLAD... I COULD GET YOU...
PAPA HAD THESE PREPARED FOR YOU..
Hehh
MY BROTHER DID!?
HE HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU.
"CONGRATULATIONS" AND "WE'RE WAITING FOR YOU".

clap
ONCE AGAIN,
ANOTHER CONGRATULATIONS TO YAGUCHI!
clap
clap
HEHE
THANK YOU...
1121
Magic colors
SOU-SAN LOOK AT THIS!
PLEASE ACCEPT IT!

Really?
KOTOKO DID YOU?! DID YOU MAKE IT?!
Yep it's my own work
Flip
THIS IS..
I'M HOPING THAT YOU WILL TAKE ME ON...
I REALLY DON'T KNOW ANYTHING.
I'M CLUMSY AND HAVE NO SKILL WHATSOEVER.
....
DON'T SAY THAT.
YOU'LL BE A GREAT ILLUSTRATOR.

I PAINTED YOU IN ALL MY BOOKS...
YOU WERE MY LITTLE KOTOKO.
BEFORE I REALIZED IT, YOU GREW BEFORE MY VERY EYES. .

Magic Colors
just how important you are to me.
I made that book for you, to let you know
I love you—
...uhh

RIGHT NOW?
DOING THINGS LIKE YOU'RE A CAT...
YOU'RE SUCH A STRANGE GIRL.
RIGHT NOW YOU LOOK LIKE THE VIRGIN MARY.
SOU-SAN YOU'RE MAKING ME BLUSH.
BUT...

WAIT... WHAT THE HELL?!
laugh
IT'S SO WEIRD TO SEE YOU GLOWING SO MUCH.
laugh
!
LIKE, DON'T YOU DARE GIVE UP DRAWING.
THERE'S SOME-THING YOU NEED TO KNOW!
IT'S NOT YOUR PROBLEM ANYMORE!
FROM NOW, ONLY LOOK AT ME.
WITH YOUR EYES, LOOK AT ME!

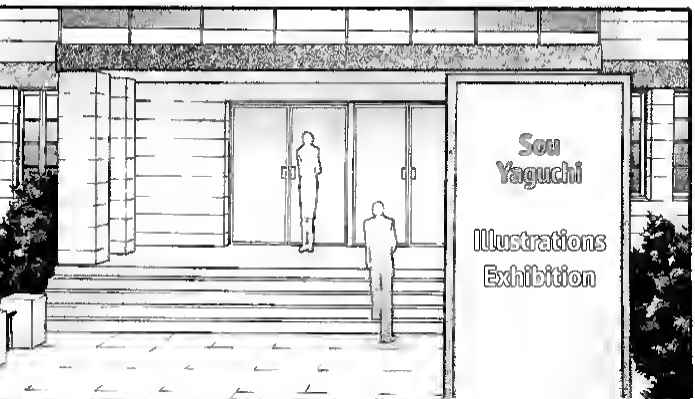
I'M... GOING TO MAKE YOU VERY HAPPY!
.....
This is the happy Sou-san I want to see.
Your love is what raised me— So

ALL I WISH FOR, IS FOR YOU TO BE HAPPY.

KOTO-KO...
Even if the end we're to come,
I only wish for his happi-ness.
I really do love you, Sou-san.
I'll compose my own pages.

Always remember, I love you.

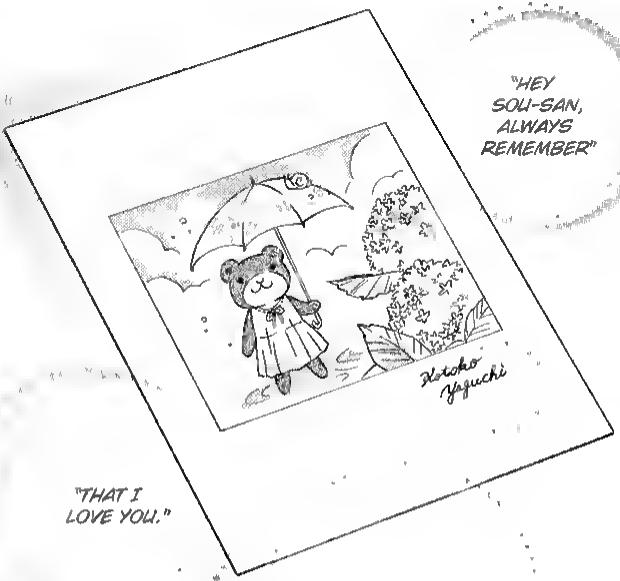
blow



SUCH SUCCESS ON AN ORDINARY DAY.
THIS IS SOU YAGUCHI'S LIFE'S WORK..
IT'S SO SAD, HE WAS ONLY 50 WASN'T HE?...
DID YOU HEAR ABOUT HIS OTHER PIECES?
HIS ASSISTANT IS GOING TO MAKE A PUBLICATION OF ALL HIS WORKS.
HIS ASSISTANT?..
IT'S HIS NIECE..
LOOK HERE! THIS IS ONE OF HER ILLUSTRATIONS—
THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK KOTOKO~~~
Come here.

I'M SO SORRY, MY YOUNGEST CHILD GOT A FEVER.
!!
THAT'S HER...
KOTOKO-CHAN RIGHT?
Oh my, oh my
SHE'S A WELL LOVED AUTHOR,
I SEE SHE BECAME A FINE ASSISTANT.
YOU SHOULD CHECK THEM OUT.
Oh my!
ISN'T SHE! YOU SHOULD TAKE A LOOK AT HER DEBUT ILLUSTRATIONS.
HERE ARE SOME POSTCARD VERSIONS.
HER WORK IS YET TO BE ACKNOWLEDGED BUT...

AH, HERE IT IS!
THIS IS KOTOKO -SAN'S PAINTING.
WHAT A SWEET LOOKING PAINTING.
IT'S LIKE YOU CAN HEAR WHAT SHE'S TRYING TO SAY.


"HEY SOU-SAN, ALWAYS REMEMBER"
Kotoko Yazuchi
"THAT I LOVE YOU."

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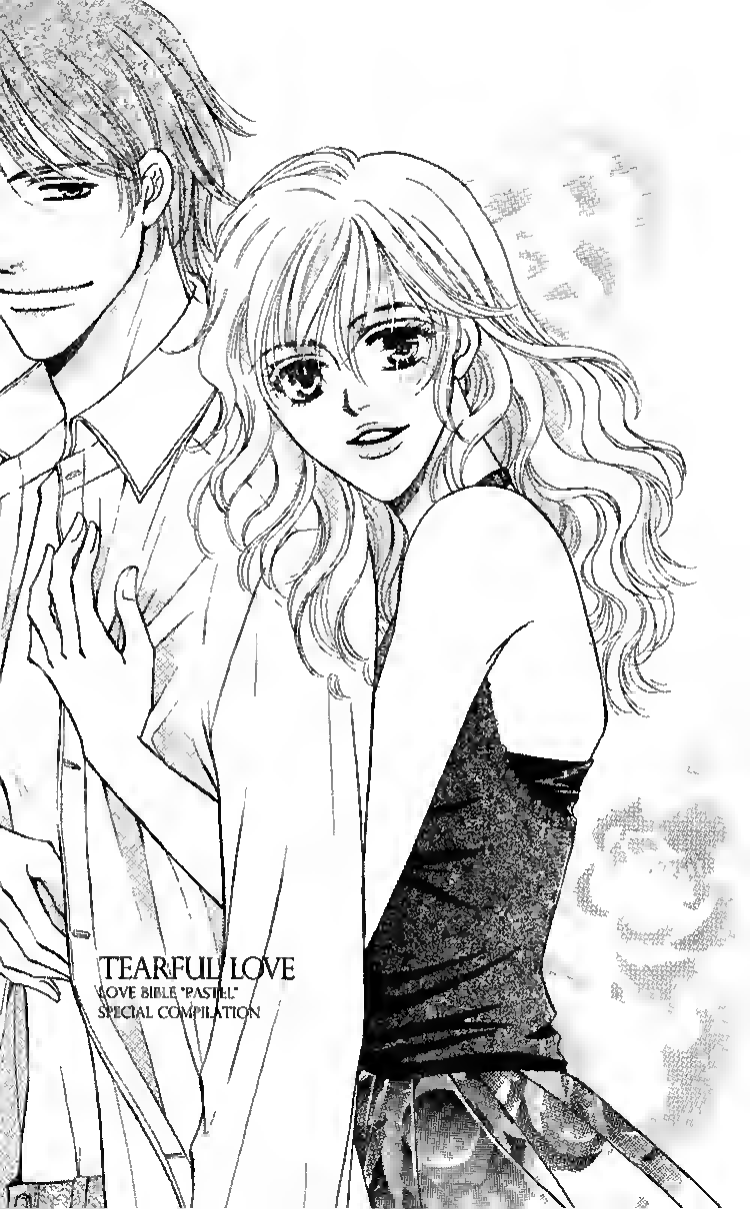
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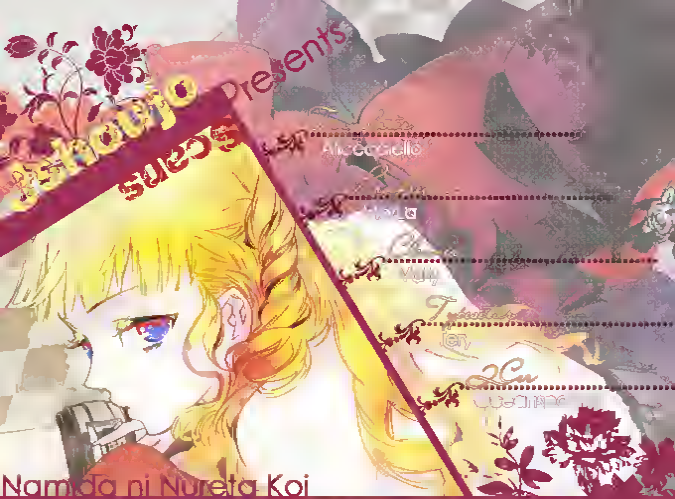

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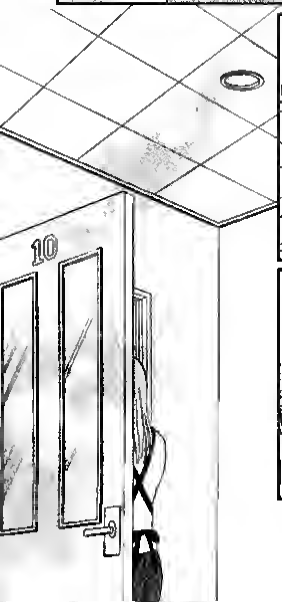
People tell me 'you always seem to enjoy yourself'
so I'm probably happy.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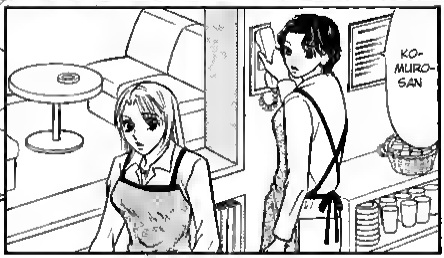

KO-MURO-SAN

THE CUSTOMER IN ROOM NUMBER 10 DIRTIED HIS ROOM SO PLEASE GO HELP OUT

TAKA-ZAWA-KUN,
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
I'M GOING TO TAKE SOME PAPER TO WIPE IT UP, SO HOLD THE MOP.
YEAH.
Wow. You don't have to drink until you have to throw up.
.....

I don't think I know him very well.
...SO
SMILE
HE'S USED TO IT?
SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TROUBLE...
IT HAPPENS OFTEN.

NOW THE NEXT CUSTOMER CAN'T ENTER
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, PLEASE LIE DOWN.
I'M REALLY SORRY.
!
UGH, IT STINKS—

WHA!
HEY, THE CUSTOMER'S STILL HERE...
YOU'RE LOUD.
blush
SORRY
MY VOICE WAS LOUDER HUH.

I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WERE THE SORT OF PERSON TO TALK LIKE THAT.
ABOUT WHAT?
I WAS SURPRISED.
YOU'RE ALWAYS SMILING, AREN'T YOU?
I THOUGHT "SHE'S DIFFERENT, HUH—".
AH, PEOPLE OFTEN SAY THAT.
JUST NOW, YOU WERE CLEANING THE SPEW UP LIKE IT WAS THE MOST NORMAL THING TO DO.
Usually people hate it huh?
BUT YOU'RE PRETTY DIFFERENT YOURSELF.
HUH?

AH- YEAH, I'M USED TO IT
RE- REALLY?
YOU SEE, I'M THE OLDEST OF 6 CHIL- DREN
3 BOYS and 3 GIRLS
AND ON TOP OF THAT, BOTH OF MY PARENTS WORK. SO I OFTEN LOOKED AFTER THE YOUNG ONES
SO I DID A LOT OF CLEANING UP.
THANKS TO THAT, I NOW HAVE THE SPECIAL SKILL TO BE ABLE TO TELL WHEN A KID WILL SPILL SOMETHING, BY THE CHANGED LOOK ON THEIR FACE OR SO.
AHA- HAHA
IT'S NOT SOMETHING TO LAUGH ABOUT. I'M A DOMESTIC FREAK.
Heh
IT'S KINDA FUNNY
WHAT IS?
WHEN I TALK TO YOU, IT KINDA FEELS LIKE YOUR VOICE IS FALLING DOWN FROM A HIGH PLACE
BECAUSE I'M 1M82 HUH-
WOW!

THE PERSON WHO BECOMES YOUR GIRL-FRIEND WILL ALWAYS HAVE TO LOOK UP, HUH?
HER NECK WOULD BECOME STIFF! ♡
grin
This person really is different, it seems.
I'm bothered by his reaction.
AH.
THERE'S SOME BLOOD UNDER YOUR CHIN.
AH— I DID THAT THIS MORNING WITH THE RAZOR
I'LL STICK A BANDAID ON IT.

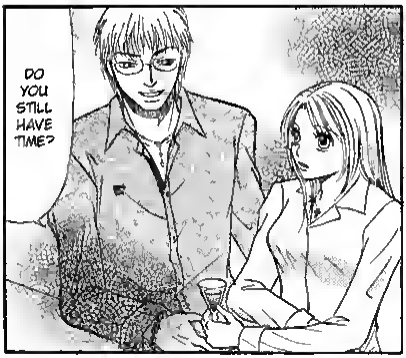
I HAVE A LOT OF THEM
IT'S OKAY
ALTHOUGH IT'S UNDER YOUR CHIN
Stick
IT'S REALLY OKAY.
!
YOU DROPPED YOUR GUARD
.....
?

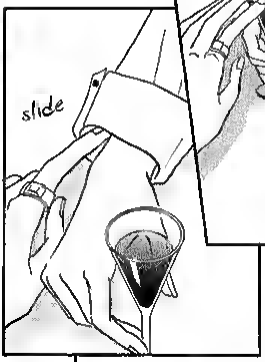
TO A MAN'S CHEST SO CAREFREE LIKE THIS
HUH?
AH? WAS IT BAD OF ME?
..DON'T COME SO CLOSE
IF THEY PIN YOU DOWN, YOU'RE HELPLESS?
Ah...

He likes me.
I see...
HE SEEMS LIKE A NICE PERSON
Be-cause...
Poor guy.
every person who tells me they like me, all end up telling me it's hard.
LET'S BREAK UP.
IT'S HARD BEING TOGETHER WITH YOU.
... WHY?

But nobody tells me the reason why.
DO YOU PREFER ME TO CRY THEN?
BECAUSE YOU SMILE ALL THE TIME
I'd hate to cry or be angry often.
I KNOW IT'S BETTER TO SMILE
OKAY.

ARE YOU ALONE?
HEY—?
PRETTY
YUP.
See.
Enjoyable things have already come my way.


DO YOU STILL HAVE TIME?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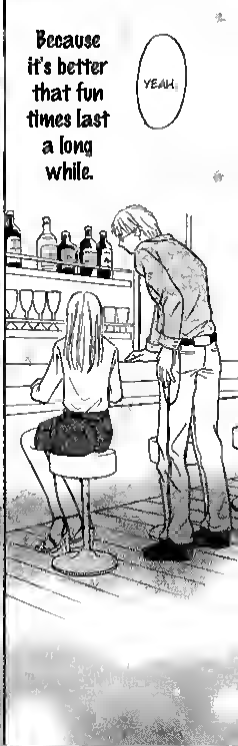
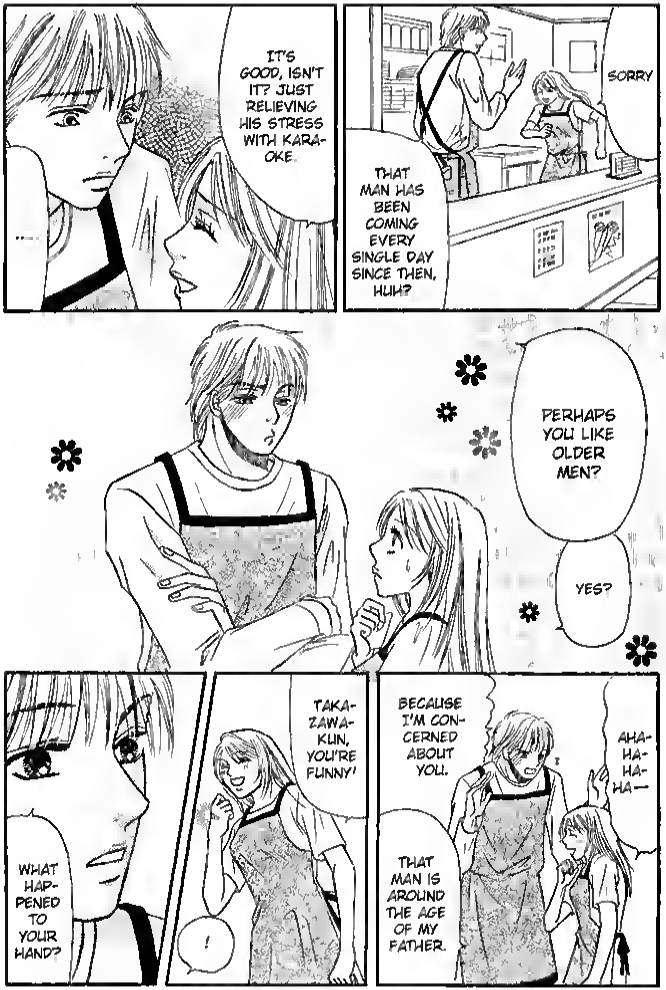
Until a bit ago, we laughed and had so much fun.
—It's weird.


Because it's better that fun times last a long while.
YEAH.

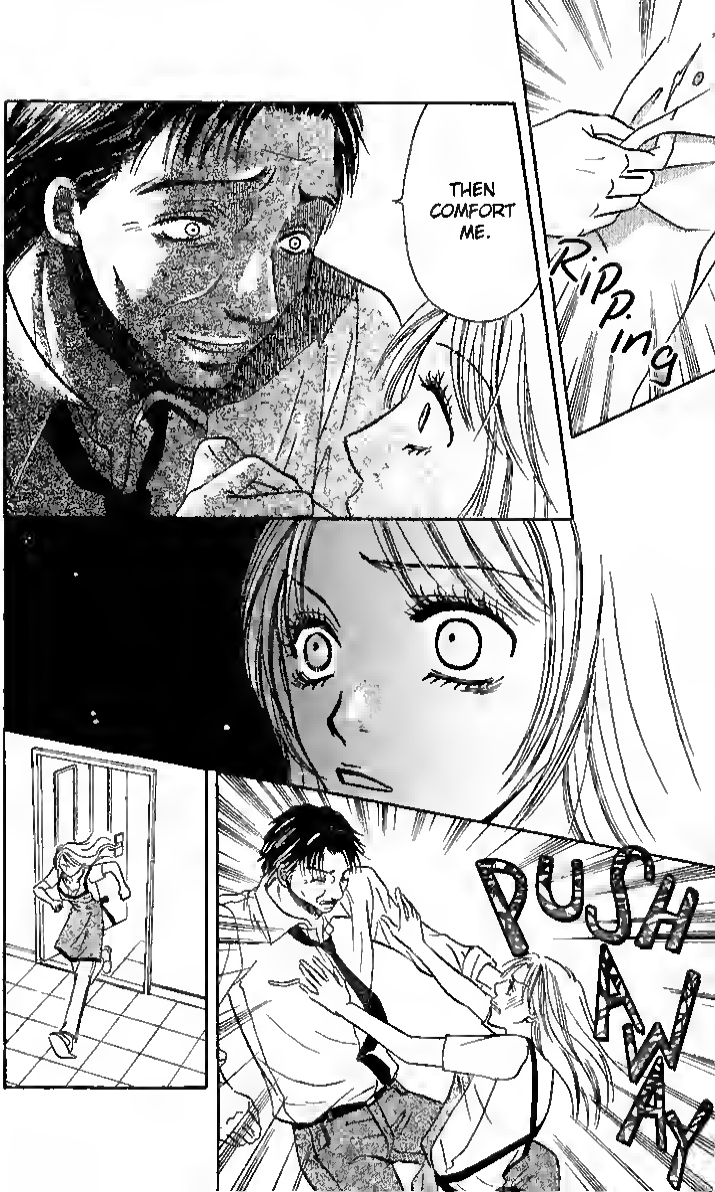
I FEEL LONELY
BUT YOU SEE, TODAY MY BOSS TOLD ME THAT GOLF WAS MY ONLY STRONG POINT AND SO ON
bite
I BECAME QUITE STRESSED, SO LATELY I'M ENJOYING COMING HERE AND CHATTING WITH YOU.
AHAHAHA, THAT'S AWFUL HUH.
CUS-TOMER, PLEASE COME TO ME TOO
Karaoke
DeRaiS


IT'S GOOD, ISN'T IT? JUST RELIEVING HIS STRESS WITH KARAOKE.
SORRY
THAT MAN HAS BEEN COMING EVERY SINGLE DAY SINCE THEN, HUH?
PERHAPS YOU LIKE OLDER MEN?
YES?
AHA-HA-HA-HA—
BECAUSE I'M CONCERNED ABOUT YOU.
THAT MAN IS AROUND THE AGE OF MY FATHER.
TAKAZAWA-KUN, YOU'RE FUNNY!
!
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAND?

THIS BANDAID IS CUTE, ISN'T IT?
AH— YEAH, THIS?
YES, BEER RIGHT?
I'M GOING TO SERVE SOME DRINKS.
NO, NO, NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEAN.
I HAVE SEVERAL OTHER CUTE ONES. DO YOU WANT SOME FOR YOUR SISTER OR SOMETHING?
RRRRR

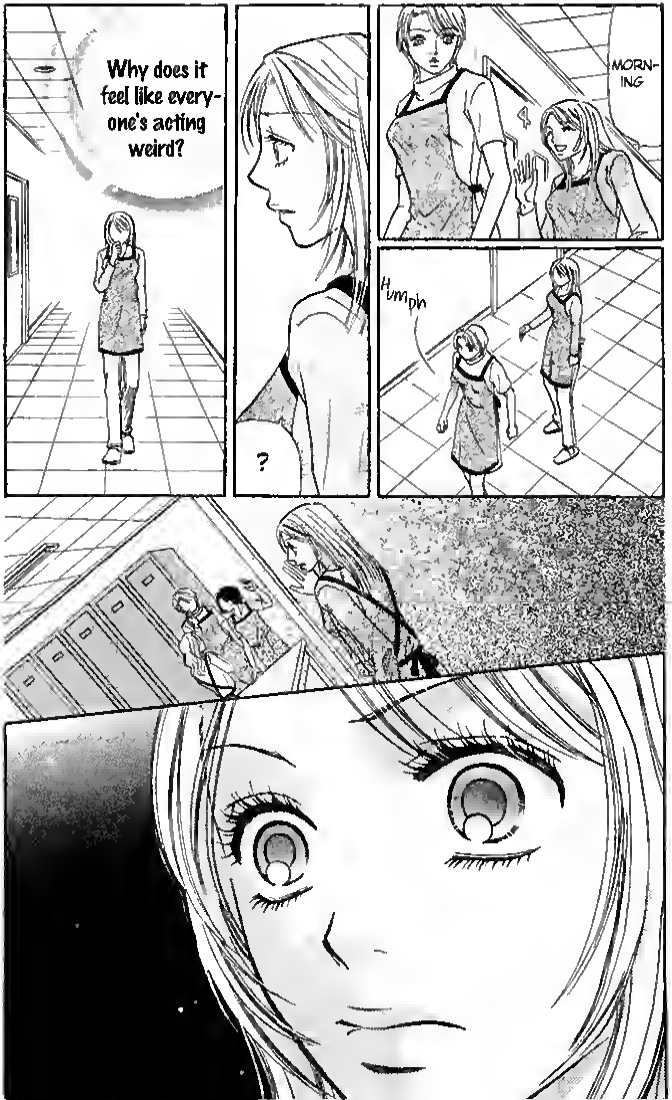
WHAT HAP-PENED?
WOW, SUCH NOISE.
ARE YOU NOT FEEL-ING WELL AGAIN?
I... ACTUALLY I GOT FIRED TODAY.
!
I WORKED THERE DILI-GENTLY FOR 30 YEARS, IT'S AWFUL.

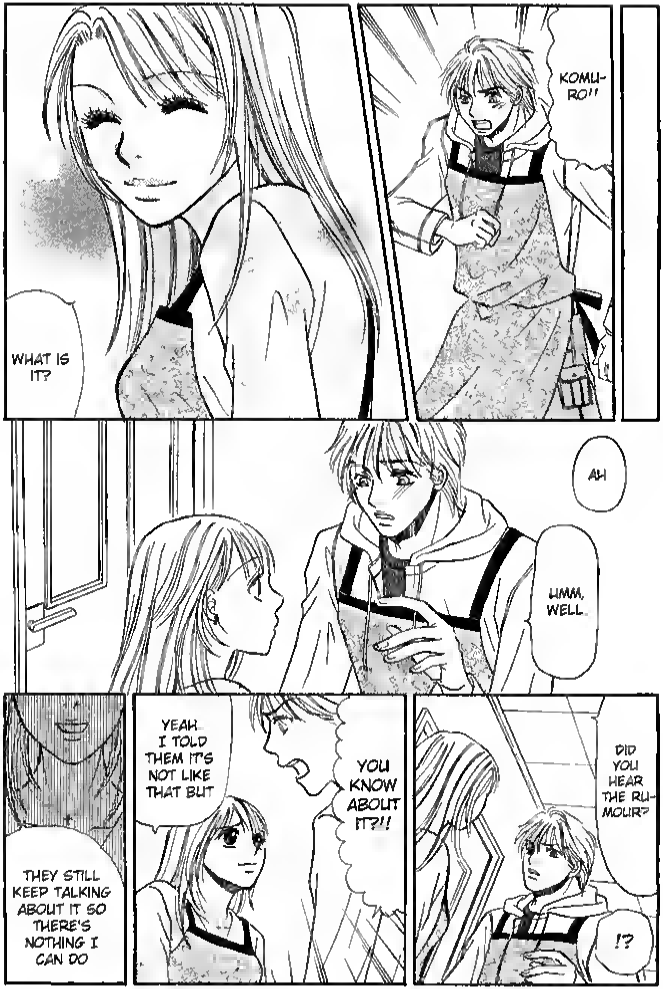
I WANT TO DIE.
IT MIGHT BE REALLY HARD NOW, BUT IF YOU CONTINUE LIVING, NICE THINGS WILL DEFINITELY COME YOUR WAY, IT'LL BE OKAY.


THEN COMFORT ME.
RIPPING
PUSH AWAY

bite
did he do that?
—Why.
I only wanted to comfort him.

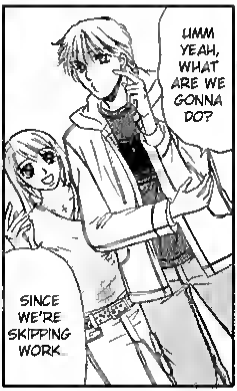
WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?
KOMURO STRANGELY GOT ALONG REALLY WELL WITH THE CUSTOMER, SO I WONDER IF THERE'S SOMETHING GOING ON BETWEEN THEM
HUH? YOU DON'T MEAN SEX OR ANYTHING?
That would be awful!
WHAT?
KOMURO, SHE CAME RUNNING OUT OF THAT OLD MAN'S ROOM AND HER CLOTHES WERE RIPPED
I JUST SAW SOMETHING WEIRD.
I WON'T SAY THAT BUT...
BUT KOMURO SEEMS TO BE THE TYPE TO DO THAT
I KNOW, I KNOW. SHE'S NICE TO EVERYONE
NOW THAT YOU SAY THAT, THE GUY WHO COMES TO PICK HER UP AFTER WORK, REALLY CHANGES OFTEN!
I ALWAYS SEE HER WITH A DIFFERENT GUY IN TOWN.
SO SHE'D BE FINE DOING SUCH A THING WITH A CUSTOMER.
YEAH, YEAH.
PROBABLY HUH.
I KNEW IT.


Why does it feel like everyone's acting weird?
?
MORNING
Hmph


KOMURO!!
WHAT IS IT?
AH
UMM, WELL
DID YOU HEAR THE RUMOUR?
!?
YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?!!
YEAH. I TOLD THEM IT'S NOT LIKE THAT BUT
THEY STILL KEEP TALKING ABOUT IT SO THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO

HEY, THAT RUMOUR WILL BE REGARDED AS TRUTH IF YOU LEAVE IT LIKE THAT, THOUGH!
IT MIGHT
BUT
I'M NOT GOING TO KEEP GIVING EXPLANATIONS FOR SOMETHING I DIDN'T DO.
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
SOMEWHERE
AND WORK?
WE'RE SKIPPING IT

WE MIGHT AS WELL GO TO A PLACE THAT MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD


UMM YEAH, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?
SINCE WE'RE SKIPPING WORK

HEY, WHERE ARE WE GOING?

YEAH,
I WANT TO GO.

THEN TODAY I MIGHT TAKE YOU TO A PLACE I LIKE.
RIGHT?
AH, THAT'S GOOD!

HERE?
YEAH, IT'S THE ROOF OF MY CONDO
WHAT A NICE VIEW—
A LARGE VIEW, HUH?

TUMBLE
!?
Jump
pass by
I TOLD YOU I HAVE LOTS OF SIBLINGS, RIGHT? THE ROOMS WERE ALWAYS CROWDED.
I DIDN'T HAVE ANY TIME TO DAYDREAM, EVEN IF I WANTED.
chuckle chuckle
RIGHT
SO FROM TIME TO TIME, WHEN I THINK LIKE 'I'VE HAD ENOUGH', I COME HERE.
lively
lively
lively
IT'S BIG AND I CAN DO THESE KIND OF THINGS, SO IT'S A NICE PLACE.

INSIDE THOSE BOXES, ALL PEOPLE ARE LIVING.
THINKING: "EVERYONE HAS WORRIES AND STUFF, RIGHT". SOMEHOW MAKES ME FEEL RELIEVED.
SO I DON'T HAVE TO BE OVERWHELMED BY THE FEELING I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO'S HAVING A HARD TIME.
IT'S KINDA LIKE WE'RE IN A CAGE—
Hey!
LISTEN TO PEOPLE'S STORIES.

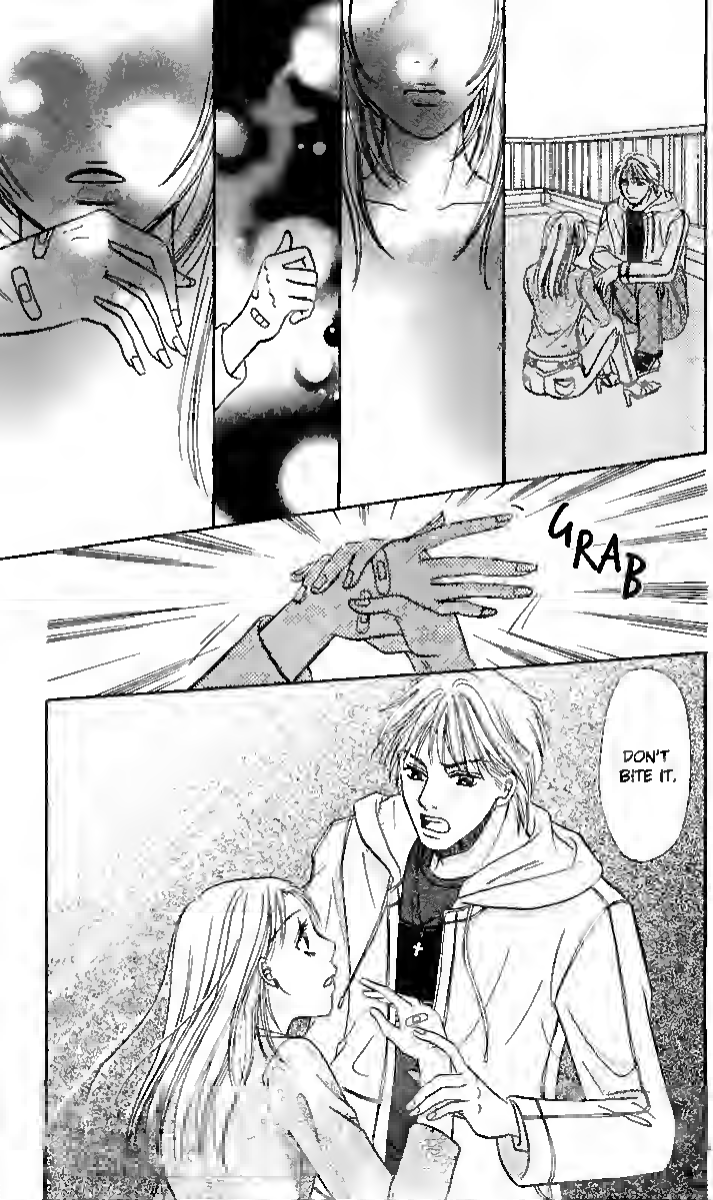
BUT, YOU SEE,
I THINK THAT WHEN YOU SMILE, HAPPINESS RETURNS MUCH FASTER TO YOU THAN WHEN YOU LOOK DEPRESSED
YOU'RE REALLY SURE ABOUT IT, HUH?
BECAUSE I KNOW IT.
.....
HMPH—

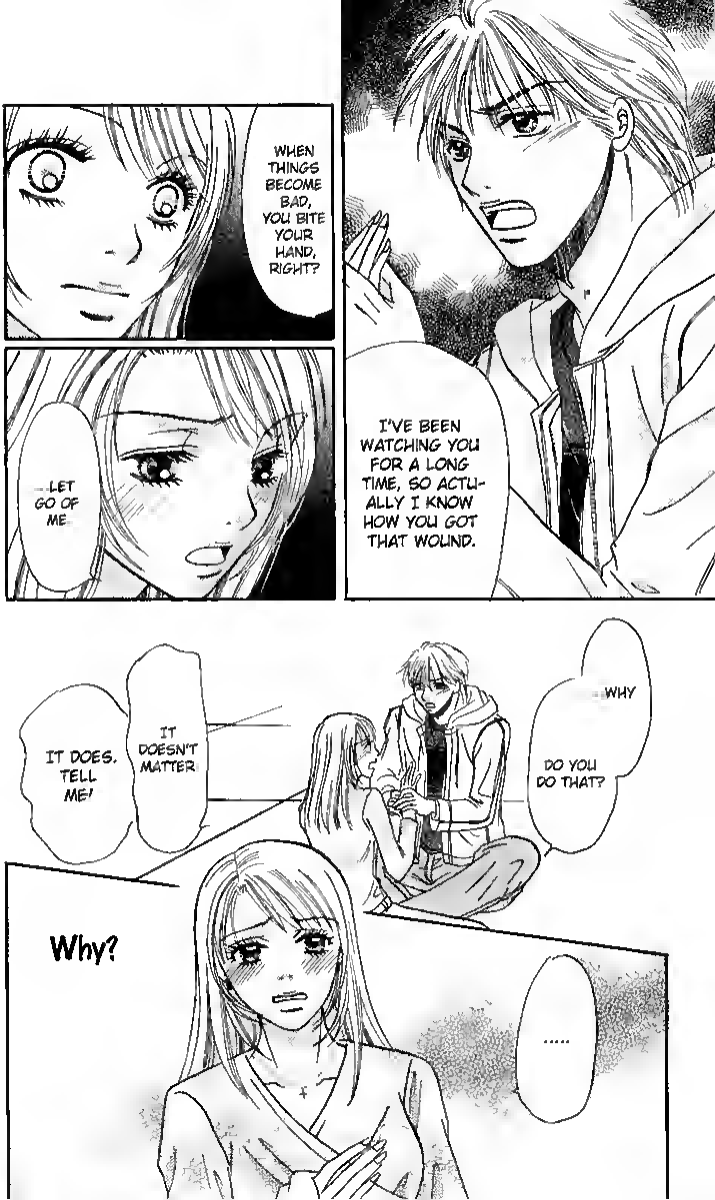
HM—
WHY ARE YOU BEING QUIET?

He's holding me up.
..a BOR-ING
MAYBE I'LL GO HOME
SO THAT'S WHY YOU ALWAYS SMILE?
YEAH.
THAT MIGHT BE WHY
AH

WHEN I WATCH YOU, SOMETIMES I THINK YOU'RE VERY STRANGE
angry
!
BUT IT'S LIKE YOU DO IT ON PUR-POSE
.....
BUT IT'S TRUE IT'S BETTER TO SMILE!!
MY DAD WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER BEFORE.

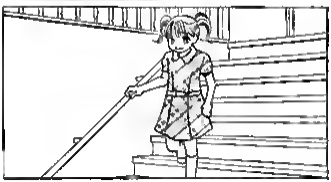
A BIG ACCIDENT HAPPENED AT HIS WORK
IT WASN'T MY DAD'S FAULT BUT HE WAS HELD RESPONSIBLE SO THEY LAID HIM OFF.
ON TOP OF THAT, HE WAS TOLD A LOT OF HALF-TRUTHS BY SEVERAL PEOPLE...
MY DAD WASN'T THE KIND OF PERSON TO COMPLAIN SO
HE WAS SUFFERING ALL ALONE
IT WAS REALLY HARD TO WATCH HIM
THE ATMOSPHERE IN OUR HOME ALSO BECAME REALLY DARK.
"AAH, A SMILING FACE REALLY BRINGS HAPPINESS" IS WHAT I FELT STRONGLY.
BUT DAD SLOWLY RECOVERED AND WAS ABLE TO SMILE AGAIN, SO THE ATMOSPHERE RETURNED BACK TO NORMAL.

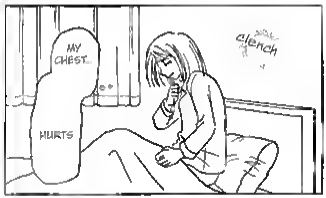

GRAB
DON'T BITE IT.

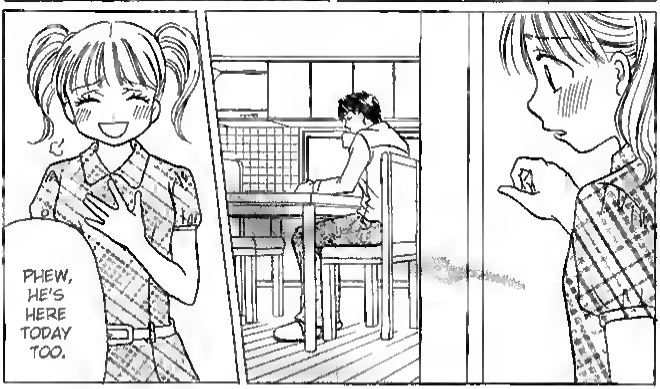

WHEN THINGS BECOME BAD, YOU BITE YOUR HAND, RIGHT?
I'VE BEEN WATCHING YOU FOR A LONG TIME, SO ACTUALLY I KNOW HOW YOU GOT THAT WOUND.
LET GO OF ME
WHY DO YOU DO THAT?
IT DOESN'T MATTER
IT DOES. TELL ME!
Why?
.....

when I woke up in my bed in the morning, I was scared to get out of it.
IF,
—That time
I GO DOWN-STAIRS,
AND DAD HAS COMMIT-TED SUICIDE, WHAT DO I DO THEN
Since when do I have this habit?

If I practice to get used to painful things and more painful things happen, I'll probably be able to put up with them





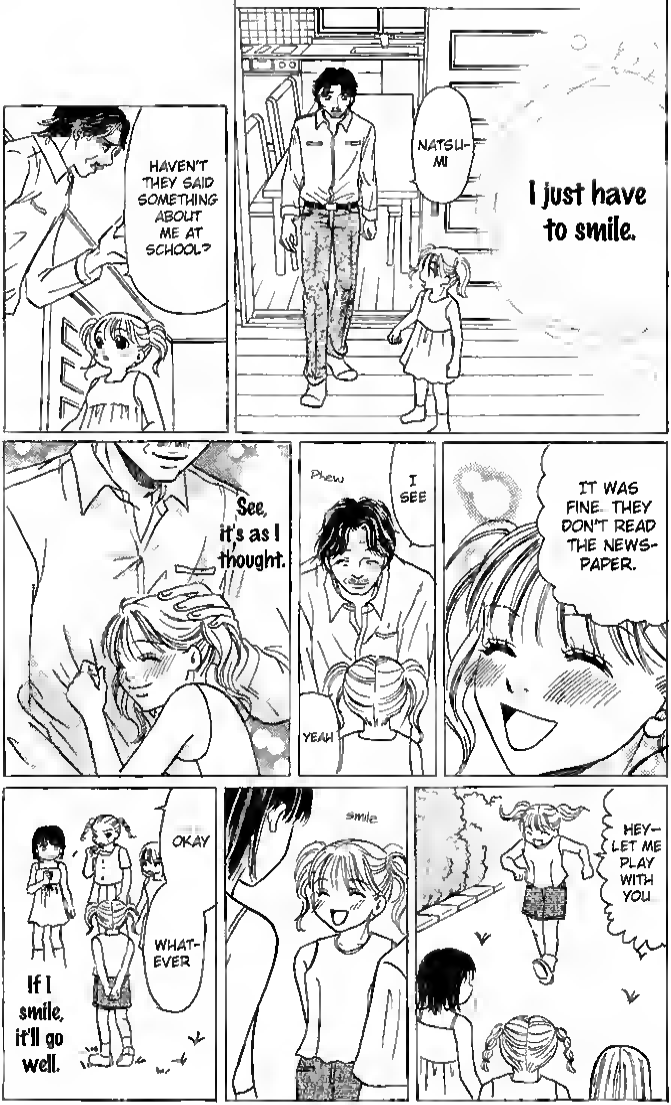


KO-MURO?
WHY ARE YOU SAYING STRANGE THINGS?
WHY ARE YOU MAKING ME REMEM-BER THINGS I DON'T WANT TO REMEM-BER?!
LET GO OF ME!

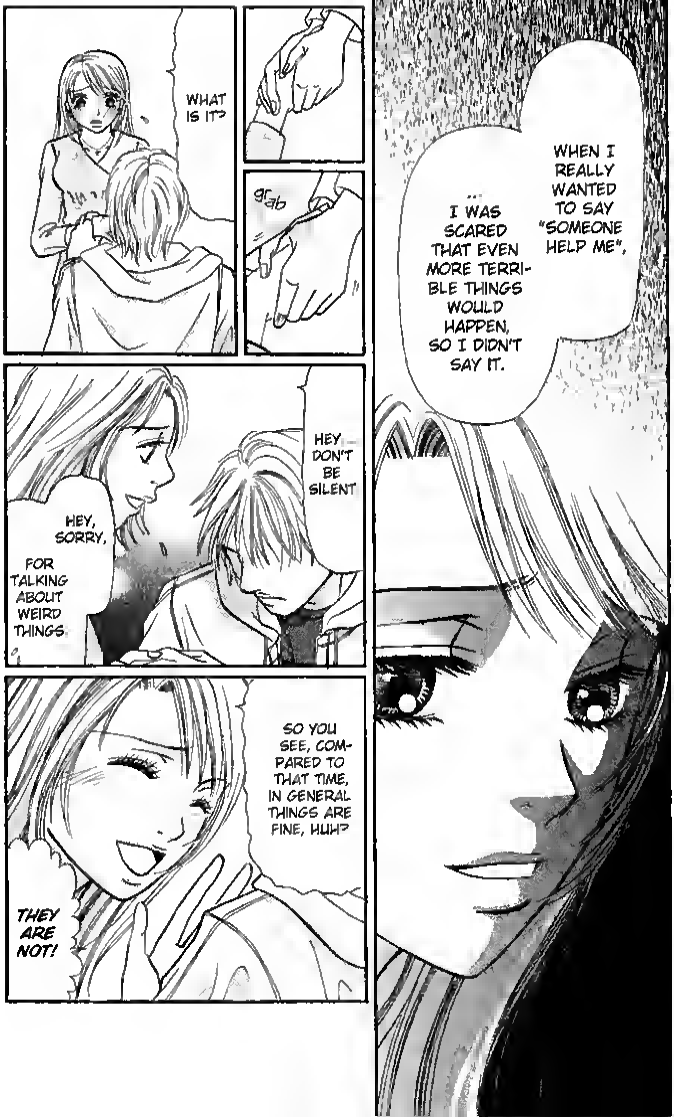
Grab
NO.
I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU HURTING THIS HAND.

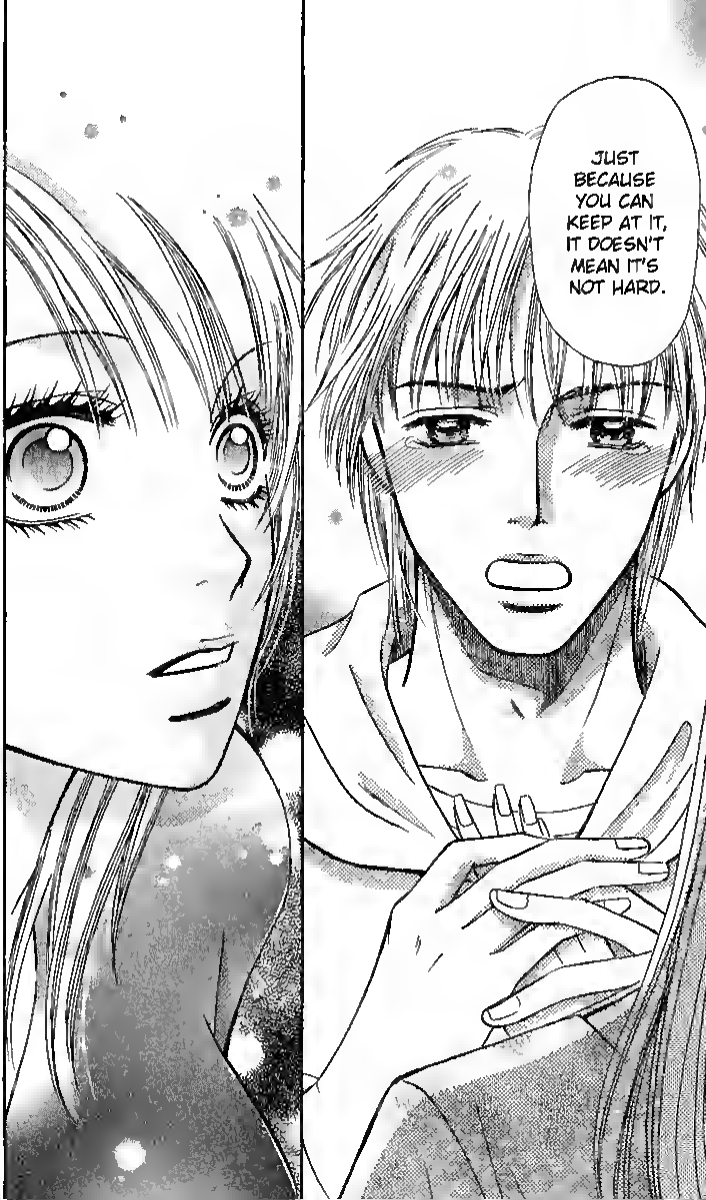
BECAUSE YOUR DAD DID BAD STUFF, HE WAS IN THE NEWSPAPER RIGHT?
ALL THIS TIME YOU'VE DONE THIS, WHY..
ALL THIS TIME...
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT!
THEN WHY WAS HE IN THE NEWSPA-PER?
RIGHT RIGHT
They don't know how much my dad is suffering!!
WHAT'S WRONG?
...EVEN THOUGH THEY DON'T KNOW.

SHALL I GO TALK TO YOUR PARENTS?
DID SOME-ONE BULLY YOU?
MISS?
IF THEY SAID SOME-THING ABOUT YOUR DAD, IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU DID ANYTHING WRONG
N-NO!
If she does that, my dad will suffer even more, he might even die!!
What do I do? If she insists, she'll come to our house.
...BUT
WE JUST FOUGHT ABOUT HOME-WORK!!
...I see.
I SEE I'M GLAD I WAS WOR-RIED
smile
IT'S FINE!
REALLY!!!


HAVEN'T THEY SAID SOMETHING ABOUT ME AT SCHOOL?
NATSU-MI
I just have to smile.
See, it's as I thought.
Phew
I SEE
YEAH
IT WAS FINE. THEY DON'T READ THE NEWS-PAPER.
If I smile, it'll go well.
OKAY
WHAT-EVER
smile
HEY- LET ME PLAY WITH YOU

It's okay.
It's okay.
It's okay.
drip
For my daddy's sake.
It's okay. I can smile.
Sigh~~!
It's okay!


WHEN I REALLY WANTED TO SAY "SOMEONE HELP ME",
...
I WAS SCARED THAT EVEN MORE TERRIBLE THINGS WOULD HAPPEN, SO I DIDN'T SAY IT.
WHAT IS IT?
grab
HEY DON'T BE SILENT
HEY, SORRY, FOR TALKING ABOUT WEIRD THINGS.
SO YOU SEE, COMPARED TO THAT TIME, IN GENERAL THINGS ARE FINE, HUH?
THEY ARE NOT!


JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN KEEP AT IT, IT DOESN'T MEAN IT'S NOT HARD.

tug
Hug
On my nape
several warm drops were sliding down.
I'M SORRY.
grab
I'M SORRY

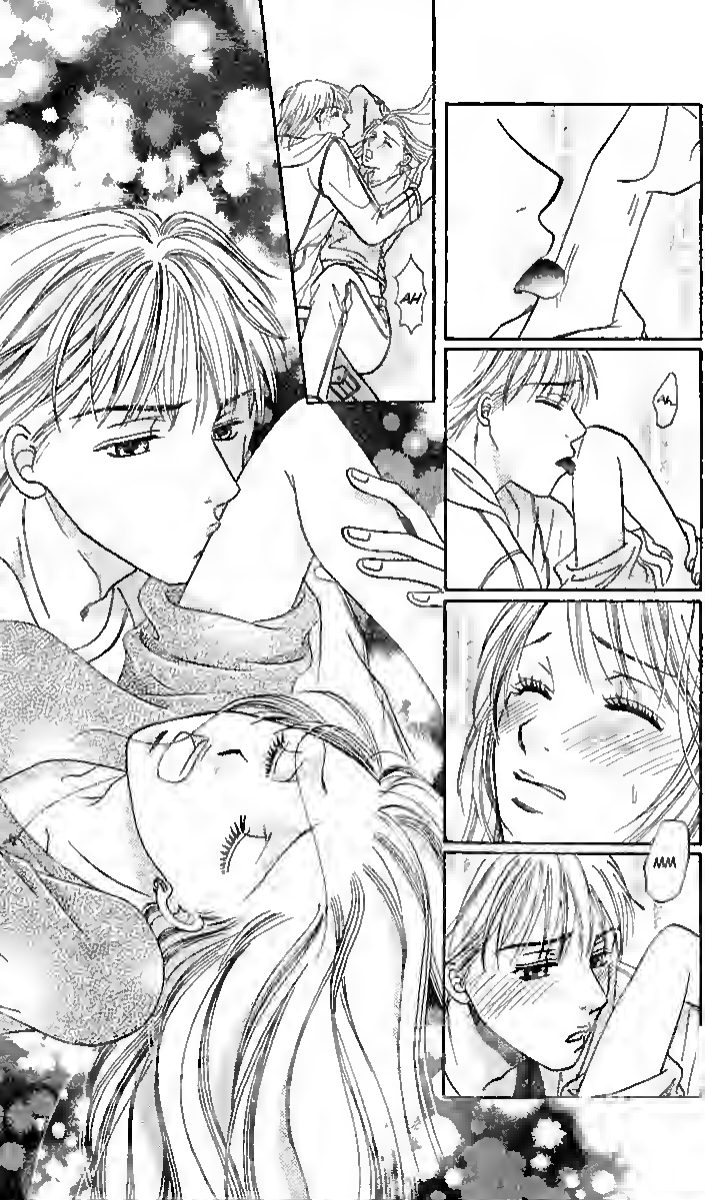
NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE.
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU CRY IN MY PLACE.
THANK YOU.
TH—
THAT WAS NOT MY INTENTION—
YEAH, I KNOW.

BUT THE HEAT FEELS GOOD
SO I WANT YOU TO TOUCH ME MORE.

feel
mm.

kiss

DON'T
GUESS I SHOULD STOP AFTER ALL...
HUH?
surprise


AH
AH
MM
MMM

Slide
AH
Somehow
I didn't

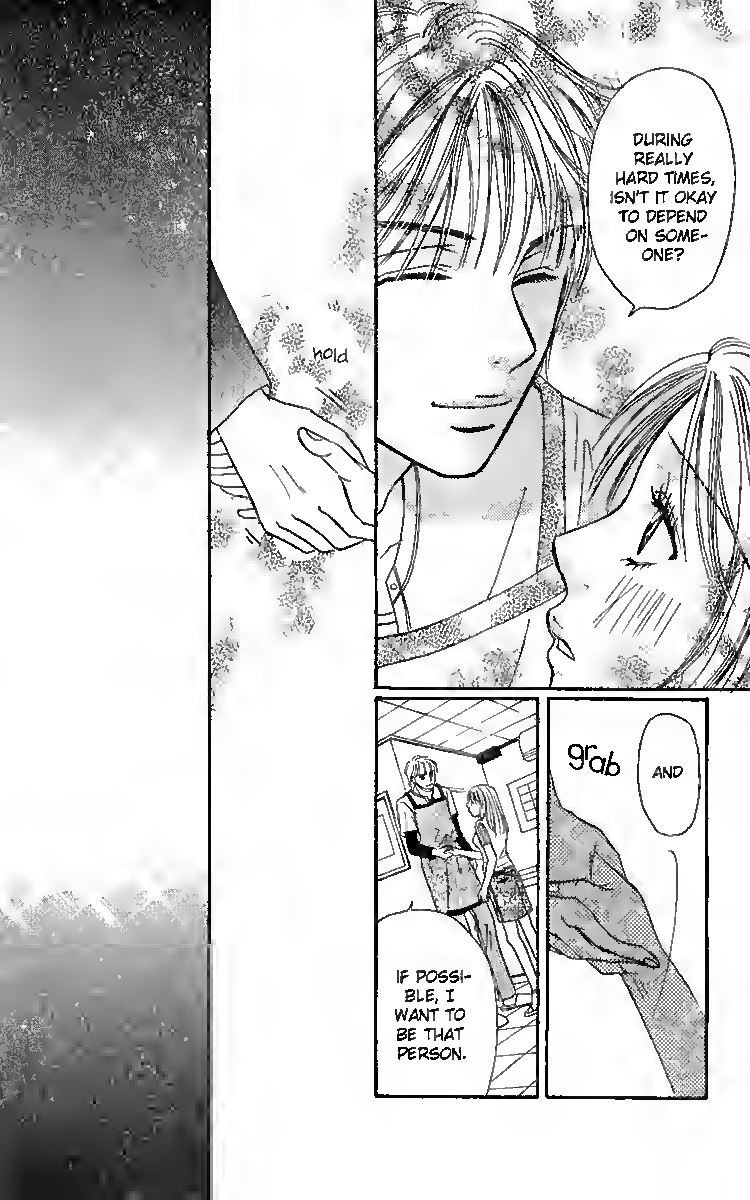
was burning inside of me.
Grab
feel
Instead, a dim, round, warm thing
lonely at all.

AH
THE CAGE IS DISAP-PEARING

WE WEREN'T REALLY SUSPECTING YOU
KOMURO-SAN
SORRY IF WE OFFENDED YOU.
AH, YES.
I EXPLAINED THE CIRCUMSTANCES TO THE MANAGER AND SHOWED HIM THE CCTV FOOTAGE
?
thud
thud
thud

IT CLEARLY SHOWED THAT YOU WEREN'T LIKING IT SO EVERYONE UNDERSTOOD.
WHAT WILL YOU DO? FILE A DAMAGE REPORT JUST IN CASE?
I THINK HE'S PROBABLY ALREADY HURT ENOUGH BY HIS OWN ACTIONS
...ANYWAY,
BELL
WHY DID YOU GO SO FAR TO DO ALL THIS FOR ME?

BECAUSE I LIKE YOU, OF COURSE!!
Hiyomp
...AH,
THANKS
Somehow I
ANY-WAY.
I'm very nervous.
IT'S TRUE THERE ARE A LOT OF TIMES WHEN IT'S BETTER TO LAUGH AT THINGS THAN TO COMPLAIN. BUT


DURING REALLY HARD TIMES, ISN'T IT OKAY TO DEPEND ON SOMEONE?
hold
grab
AND
IF POSSIBLE, I WANT TO BE THAT PERSON.

GO OUT WITH ME.
It's the first time—

YEAH.
that I thought "I want to grab this hand".
tug

END

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DRAG
WHOOSH
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